

INSIDE THE ECHO



Archie and MJ Dobbins enjoy the curiosity of passersby who want to know more about their unusual 'dome home' near the Allsaw Bridge. For details, see page 8



Derek and Pam Rolfe were honoured for their work at Stanhope airport over the years when they were named Stanhope's Citizen of the Year. See page 14 for more



The drama club at HHSS displayed its members talents at a special performance last Thursday night. For more details, see page 20

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Cottagers unhappy with education tax, seek reform

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

THE BEST things in life may indeed be free, but that leaves a lot of other necessities which still have to be paid for. From the time we're born to the time we die, the food, shelter, clothing, education, health care, transportation and leisure activities we need in order to survive must somehow be paid for.

Who pays for what has varied through the ages, with the premise being that society should help take care of those who find themselves unable to do so.

Traditionally, the federal government has filled its coffers with income tax revenues, the provincial government pays for its services with monies garnered by sales and income taxes, and the municipalities levy property taxes so the roads are ploughed and the school bus can transport the students to their class.

Over the years, which level of government pays for what services has shifted and when people receive their tax bill in the mail, they may find they pay more in property tax than they do in income tax. Running a municipality is an expensive proposition now that both the provincial and federal governments

have given them more of the financial responsibility of providing services.

But now, many cottagers, under the banner of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations, say the criteria for deciding who pays what are not fair and should be changed. Not only does 60 to 65 per cent of their property tax go towards funding a service they can only use once (education), but with escalating real estate prices, property is no longer a reflection of the owner's ability to pay more taxes. If full market value assessment is introduced, many cottagers claim they could not afford to pay the increased taxes determined by the value of their

property.

"It's an illogical method," says Rejeanne Anthon, president of FOCA whose family has owned a cottage on Mountain Lake for decades. "Those who are able to pay (should) pay more and if we really are wealthy cottage owners, we should even pay more. But what does property have to do with it?"

The recent teachers' strike in Toronto proves how many cottagers pay for a service they can't use. You have to live permanently in the county to have your child go to one of the schools, but even if temporary residents were allowed the same privilege, "we

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Bob Parker's Belgians took delighted youngsters for a free ride through Haliburton on Saturday. This little Christmas gift from merchants to shoppers will be repeated this Saturday and next



Councillors face wrath of taxpayers

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

ASK MANY township councillors where the spot between "a rock and a hard place" is located, and they'll tell you it's in the council chamber when it comes time to setting down the budget. The money they need to run their municipality has to come from somewhere, and with less of it coming from the federal and provincial governments, it's their neighbours, friends and fellow residents whom they must ask to provide the money through taxation.

There is not much room to manoeuvre in when deciding who is going to pay how much in taxes, for while the money will not come from above, the orders on how to collect it do. If the provincial government says that more education funding must be borne by the municipalities, then council has no choice than to direct 60 per cent of the total tax revenues to the Board of Education. And if the government says you will raise those revenues by taxing all the property owners in your municipality, their hands are tied once more.

Sometimes, the provincial and federal governments let their wishes be known in a rather indirect way. Given that councillors are keeping an eye to every dollar they spend, the government will offer

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Rescue squad ends gun toting standoff

by LEN PIZZEY
Editor

A 39 year old Haliburton area woman facing four charges of weapon offences was released into the custody of her mother on Monday pending a court appearance on January 6.

Penny Harrison of Kennisis Lake Road had been held in Whitby jail since her arrest last Wednesday night following a six hour standoff in which a rifle was pointed at an OPP officer and at least one shot was fired.

Constable Gary Chapman, who was the first officer on the scene, said the incident began at about 5:15 p.m. after Harrison reportedly telephoned her brother, Bob Bird, and asked for help. Bird alerted Haliburton ambulance. Because of a similar incident in September, it was assumed a drug overdose was involved. Police were notified, and Chapman was dispatched to the scene. He met the Haliburton ambulance two miles from Harrison's home, and the vehicles arrived on

the scene together. Chapman told the two attendants to wait, and went up to the door, where he was met by Jackie Barry, a friend of Harrison's. He entered the kitchen, and observed that the floor was "littered with shotgun shells and bullets." Ten feet away stood Harrison, holding the barrel of a Savage 'over and under' 223 calibre/20 guage shotgun, it's but resting on the floor.

Chapman said he felt "no immediate threat" from the weapon. However, Harrison appeared "very angry", and he asked her if she wanted him there. "I don't care," she replied. He then asked her if she wanted the ambulance attendants to enter the house, and she again replied "I don't care," but more emphatically.

Chapman then went back out to the front porch to warn the ambulance attendants, as well as Harrison's sister, who had by then arrived on the scene, not to enter the house, and to drive away.

At that point, Chapman says he looked back at the house and noticed Harrison behind the front win-

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Kennisis Lake Road was closed to vehicles for six hours last Wednesday as police worked to end a standoff involving a woman with a gun. Here a Dysart ambulance blocks the road near the scene

Local merchants will work to form a main street BIA

Business people in the Haliburton area have taken the first step towards forming a Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the community. At a meeting Monday night, about 40 are business people indicated support in principal for the concept of forming a BIA as soon as possible. However it will almost certainly take several months to define and formally constitute a BIA, even if the required support is forthcoming from the business community.

Clinton Collier, a BIA expert with the Ontario housing ministry's community renewal branch, spent more than an hour on Monday night explaining what BIA's are and what steps must be followed to put them in place.

The meeting was called by council at the request of a number of downtown merchants who have participated in a less formal business association for more than a year.

Collier said a BIA essentially is "a self help mechanism" that allows business people to promote and upgrade their business district and community. BIA's use funds from members to "improve, beautify and

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THIS WEEK



Santa Claus greeted children in Haliburton on Saturday, including little Kristen Stackhouse, shown here with her mother Sheila. Santa will be back again this Saturday as part of merchants' Christmas in Haliburton.

Police investigate accidents

During the week of November 30 to December 6, officers of the Minden Detachment investigated 35 general occurrences and six traffic accidents.

Accidents

On Tuesday December 1 at 9:40 a.m. on Highway 118, Shirley Eley of Haliburton was driving a 76 Toyota southbound on Highway 118 when she lost control of the vehicle, which entered the ditch and

Shoppers park free!

In the spirit of the season, Dysart at al council has decided to give Haliburton Christmas shoppers a little present. From now until the end of the month, parking meters in the village will be hooded, and no coins will have to be placed in them.

The generosity is a local tradition, but it carries with it a certain responsibility. In return for the gift, council is asking shoppers and main street store employees not to monopolize parking spaces all day long, so that spaces will be available as people shopping in the community come and go.

In the past, plastic bags placed over the metre heads have been torn off, either by vandals or by people thinking they have to put coins in or risk a ticket. Council is hoping that won't happen this year, and that the little gift will be appreciated by all who visit Haliburton.



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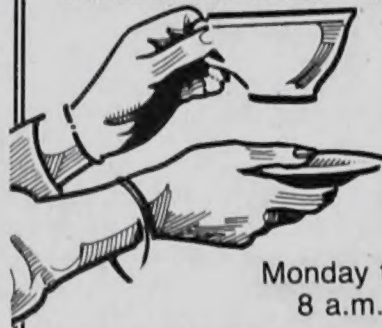
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Merchants plan BIA action

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maintain municipally owned property" beyond the level provided by the municipality, and to undertake promotional efforts on behalf of the business area.

The principal benefit of a BIA is the fact that it includes a mechanism for raising funds through a levy on business taxes within the designated area. Once officially constituted through a municipal by-law, the BIA ensures that every business in the designated area contributes a fair share for promotion and municipal property improvements. Participation in business area activities and plans is heightened because everyone has a vested interest by virtue of their contribution, Collier explained. As well, a BIA allows for a "consolidated management approach" to promotions and improvements, and carries significant weight as a municipally constituted board.

There are about 230 BIA's in Ontario Collier said, with budgets ranging from a few thousand dollars to almost \$2 million. Their projects include main street beautification, enhanced signage, sales promotions, tree planting, lighting projects, co operative advertising, and many similar activities.

A number of steps must be followed before a BIA can get off the ground in Haliburton, Collier explained. The first of these is to identify the appropriate area, and then to form a steering committee. Once the committee has determined there is merit to a BIA for the community, and formulated a plan of action and proposed budget, every business owner within the designated area is notified. There is a 60 day period in which objections to the BIA can be lodged, and objections can be heard before the Ontario Municipal Board. The proposed BIA must have the

support of at least two thirds of the affected businesses, representing at least two thirds of the business assessment of the designated area.

If there is sufficient support, the BIA committee asks council to pass the required by-law to formally establish the BIA.

The BIA receives its funds from a levy on business taxes through the municipality. The levy is apportioned according to the share of total business taxes each business pays. This ensures that every business bears a fair share of the total BIA levy.

A number of people indicated an interest in serving on the BIA steering committee Monday night, and further meetings will be held to discuss the concept, agree on the area for the BIA, and formulate a plan that can be taken back to business owners in the suggested area.

Constable heard shot fired as he crouched near cruiser

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dow. She held the gun at her hip and was turning back and forth, pointing it at Chapman and the attendants.

"I yelled at them 'Get out of here!'" Chapman said, and the attendants, along with Harrison's sister, ran to the ambulance and immediately drove away.

Chapman backed up slowly to the cruiser, moved it across the driveway to block the entrance, and took shelter behind the front fender, with the engine block between him and the Harrison house, and the radio microphone in his hand. He called Minden detachment and asked for help. At that point he heard a shot from the house, although he believes it was not aimed in his direction.

Chapman then made his way to a

ditch on the opposite side of the road and moved along it until he was sheltered from view of the Harrison house by woods. He began turning back traffic heading toward Haliburton along the road. The Haliburton ambulance did the same thing about half a mile along the road in the other direction, and a second cruiser subsequently arrived at the scene, remaining just out of sight of Harrison's home.

Police alerted the Tactical Rescue Squad from Peterborough District, and set up a temporary command post at the nearby home of Merrill Barry. From here they remained in almost constant telephone contact with Harrison as the standoff unfolded.

Harrison reportedly became increasingly ill, vomiting and writhing. The incident ended without further gunfire when Harrison allowed Jackie Barry to take the gun from her and place it outside, on instructions from the Tactical Rescue Unit.

Chapman was then able to enter the house and arrest Harrison at about 11:30 p.m.

She has been charged with pointing a firearm, careless use of a firearm, aggravated assault with a firearm, and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace. She was released from Whitby jail Monday on condition that she remain at her mother's home and seek counselling, pending a January 6 court appearance in Minden.

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Cottagers want taxpayers to share education tax load

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shouldn't expect to put our children in your schools."

Anthony stresses that by objecting to paying education taxes twice, cottagers do not want the level of education to go down; rather, many cottagers think permanent residents in cottage country are getting a raw deal when it comes to provincial funding because "the cottagers are seen as injecting a lot of money, but that's not necessarily so. (The ministry thinks) if you can get all those cottage dollars you don't need these education taxes."

"You're not really getting the money you should. Cottagers feel very strongly that you should get more money. Why should local students not have the things they have in the city?"

And why should the taxes to fund education be based on property, just because it's the traditional way to do it? Say you have two people who earn \$30,000 a year each living in one house. (In Haliburton, the average income is closer to \$14,000.) They only pay one education tax and spend their holidays flying to different countries. If their neighbours, earning the same amount of money, decide to by a cottage then they have to pay the tax twice. Is that fair?

What the cottagers would like is a larger commitment, one of at least 60 per cent funding, from the provincial government, and a philosophy of those who can pay more, should pay more, whether they rent, own a house or own a multitude of houses.

Their demand is one endorsed by the two-year-old MacDonald Commission report on education financing. At a FOCA convention in Toronto a couple of weeks ago, John Beare, an economics teacher at York University and a cottager who is the chairman of the taxation committee for the Muskoka Lakes Association, outlined many of the taxation concerns of cottagers and what changes the MacDonald Commission suggested.

A lower mill rate

"One is a lower education mill rate for cottagers," Beare said, excerpted here from a copy of his speech.

"A second is to increase the share of provincial funding for education, a proposal that has been embraced, to varying degrees, by all political parties and particularly by municipal governments. Resolutions for full provincial funding were passed with huge majorities at the recent meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and full or close-to-full funding is currently the practice in Quebec and most other provinces. The third recommendation is to consider an education property tax credit scheme, where income taxes are reduced by the amount of education property taxes paid, and where this is financed by a higher income tax rate."

All of the recommendations would benefit cottagers to some extent, Beare continued. "Income is a far sounder measure of a person's economic status and ability to pay than is the market value of property, and, since a measure of progressivity can be built into the system, it better accords with almost everyone's view of fairness."

In keeping with Anthony's contention that the cottagers are just as concerned with how the permanent residents will be asked to shoulder the education tax burden, Beare goes on to say: "The permanent residents of cottage country are often among the least affluent in the province, and so it behooves us to consider the impact that reform of education financing would have on them."

"For example, according to taxation statistics, average 1986 income of Ontarians was \$18,955 while that in Muskoka was \$14,982, in Haliburton \$13,693 and in Parry Sound \$13,244. Tax relief for cottagers should result in neither a reduction in revenues for (cottage country) schools nor in an increase in the tax burden on permanent residents. The three MacDonald Commission proposals are consistent with this. The latter two... would result in a reduced total of property taxes plus income and other taxes for most permanent residents. The first, a

reduced education mill rate for cottagers, would under the current financing formula result in increased provincial funding to replace virtually all revenue lost from decreased cottage taxation."

The whole question of what is the fairest method of taxation is also the main focus of the cottagers' debate against a full market property value for a base. The concepts of full market value are addressed in the accompanying story about assessment and will only be summarized here for simplicity.

Prices rising

One only has to look at the real estate ads in the Echo to see that real estate prices are going up all the time. Since the demand for waterfront properties is much greater than their availability, residences overlooking any one of the lakes in the Highlands are fetching much higher prices.

Today's cottage buyer knows that if they can afford a \$100,000 cottage instead of a \$50,000 one, they can expect to pay twice as much money in property tax. A trip to the municipal office will give them an approximate figure they can be expected to pay each year in taxes and with all their facts and figures, they can make a decision on what cottage to buy based on how much they can afford to spend in total.

But what of the home owner, either seasonal or permanent, who bought some lakefront property when it was going for a nickel and a dime? Years later, they find they are in the midst of prime real estate country and the value of the property has quadrupled—if they ever wanted to sell. However, their income has not increased in the same way and the amount of their disposable income with which to pay for taxes is basically the same. Their property's value may have increased but their ability to pay hasn't.

Ability to pay is the crux of the cottagers' argument. When the amount of money they have to pay is based on something as fickle as real estate and their income is quite finite, the system, they say, is not fair.

To prove that it's not fair, they point their fingers at Muskoka, where prime lakefront property can now sell for \$200,000 an acre and taxes have increased by sometimes up to 200 per cent. (Beare says that from 1971 to 1985, total property taxes here increased by more than 500 per cent.)

The Township of Muskoka Lakes recently adopted the full market value system which gives no allowances to property owners in various classes. That means that a cottage which could sell for \$100,000 is assessed, not taxed, at the same level as a business which could sell for \$100,000.

Before choosing this plan, the district council followed the same route Haliburton County council is now following. The Ministry of Revenue paid for a detailed impact survey which said there'd be a minimal impact of the study, but now that the first tax bills have been received, property owners saw that their taxes rose by much more than that.

"Probably most and perhaps all Muskoka municipal councillors were unaware of the consequences of their vote. Nor were they entirely to blame for this ignorance. The impact study... comprised a thick stack of computer printouts, from which it would be possible to calculate, as I did, a predicted average tax increase for cottages in the Township of Muskoka Lakes of \$74, or 8.3 per cent. The actual increase for cottages in fact turned out to be \$288 or 32.5 per cent, almost four times greater."

"The reason for this gross miscalculation is that apparently no account was taken in the impact study of the changes in the share borne by the Township of Muskoka Lakes taxpayers in the budgets of the District government and particularly of the Board of Education. If our democratically elected municipal councils are to make informed and responsible decisions in matters of taxation, they must be provided with an impact study for their decisions to update



Veterinarian Dr. Laurie Brown gave the Grade 2 class from Victoria Street School an insight into the good and

bad parts of her job when they visited her clinic last Friday. Here she shows them a dog's leg x-ray.

the assessment base that is both accurate and readily intelligible to an ordinary citizen."

One example Beare gives of the tax increase is a neighbour of his who owns a three-acre island and now pays \$8,000 in property taxes. (Given the rate of \$200,000 an acre, this property could be assumed to be worth \$600,000.) Some of the people being taxed may indeed have more money, but Beare, and Anthony, point to the senior citizens or people on fixed incomes who find themselves with a much bigger tax bill. The \$600 rebate offered to senior citizens is not enough to cushion all of the increase and some had to consider selling their homes, they say.

"To link property taxes to the violent and capricious changes in property values that

characterize today's real estate markets is to inject serious uncertainty into individual's attempts at financial planning. One of the criteria by which government programs are judged is the degree to which they stabilize the economy or cushion individuals from the vagaries of the market. Market value assessment in its pure form does just the opposite; it destabilizes and creates uncertainty and to a degree that can scarcely have been anticipated by those responsible for its introduction."

In conclusion, Beare, who can be said to represent many cottagers, says that the market value system has to be replaced by something better and that the recommendations put forward by the MacDonald Commission should be acted upon now, not some unforeseeable time in the future.

Fears raised over market value impact

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subsidies and incentives to programs it wants implemented. Municipalities don't have to accept these offers, of course, but the carrot is dangled and who knows when wishes will become requisites.

Right now the provincial government is in favour of basing taxes on full market values, where all properties are assessed equally, no matter what class they fall into. Rather than tell municipalities that they have to do this, they tell the councillors that should they want an impact survey done on what this would mean in their jurisdiction, the province would be pleased to pay for it. Then, when the councillors read the study's recommendations, it's entirely up to them whether they choose to follow them or not.

The reeves and deputy reeves of Haliburton County have decided to bite that carrot and have asked the Ministry of Revenue to do an impact study of what would result in a change of taxation policy. They want 1988 property values to be used in assessing the effects of either equalized market value taxation, or market value taxation where property owners in one class only pay an equalized share of the taxes.

Lending support to a county-wide taxation system is the fact that someone living on Halls Lake would be taxed the same as someone living in Highland Grove. The present system has each of the municipalities using different base years and criteria for figuring out the assessment factors. Under the new system, you could live anywhere in the county and be assessed at the same value as someone living at the opposite end.

When county council receives its computer printout from the ministry, it can decide whether to adopt Section 63 or Section 70, or neither of them. (For details, see accompanying story on assessment.) The figures will tell them the best course to follow, not the provincial government.

The computer print out the council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes received did not do

a very good job of predicting what would happen to assessment if that municipality opted for Section 70, which it did, using 1984 property values. Taxes increased dramatically, especially for lakefront properties which are in hot demand, and no one really expected such a large increase.

But even knowing what she does now, the mayor of the township would still make the decision; only now she would like the provincial government to step in with more funding to reflect the shift in tax burdens.

"It's a terrible adjustment but in the long run, I think it's the only fair way," says Sheila Hatch, mayor of a township of 4,700 permanent residents and a great many more cottagers. "I want pure market value, not the one that qualifies it."

Real estate prices certainly have gone up over the past years, she says, but there seems to be no lack of people willing to pay the higher prices. The market is strong and secure, and if people are willing to pay \$200,000 for a property, they shouldn't be surprised when they get a high tax bill.

Cottagers argue that they don't live at their residence year round so it's not fair that they pay as much taxes, she says, but "I don't see how in the name of heavens you could" tax them based on length of stay. On the same note, who owns the property has nothing to do with the property's assessment so cottagers aren't being taxed more just because they are presumed to be wealthy. Indeed, what Hatch likes about the new system is that no matter who is going to build on the property—permanent, seasonal or commercial—the property is assessed at the same level. "The value of the property is not affected by the current occupancy."

But what about the senior citizens or families on fixed income who find their taxes are suddenly too high and have to consider selling? "There are some heart-rendering stories of that kind", she says, and this is where the provincial government should be stepping in with subsidies to help low income earners

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EDITORIALS

Priorities

Few local issues in the past few months have stirred more quiet but widely heard murmurings of discontent than the Haliburton County Board of Education's decision to create a superintendent's position. No one is seriously doubting the wisdom of the board's choice in filling the position, although as a policy, looking always inward and never outward is open to question, particularly if it becomes the pattern for filling all major positions of responsibility in years to come. Nothing is more likely to stultify the system than to deny it an infusion of new ideas and the broadest possible experience. At the same time, it is reasonable to offer local educators an opportunity to move up, if that is their ambition. The challenge is to strike a balance and keep an open mind. And this is not easily accomplished, given the unease many people feel when forced to choose between local people whom they know and ambitious 'outsiders' with whom they are unfamiliar.

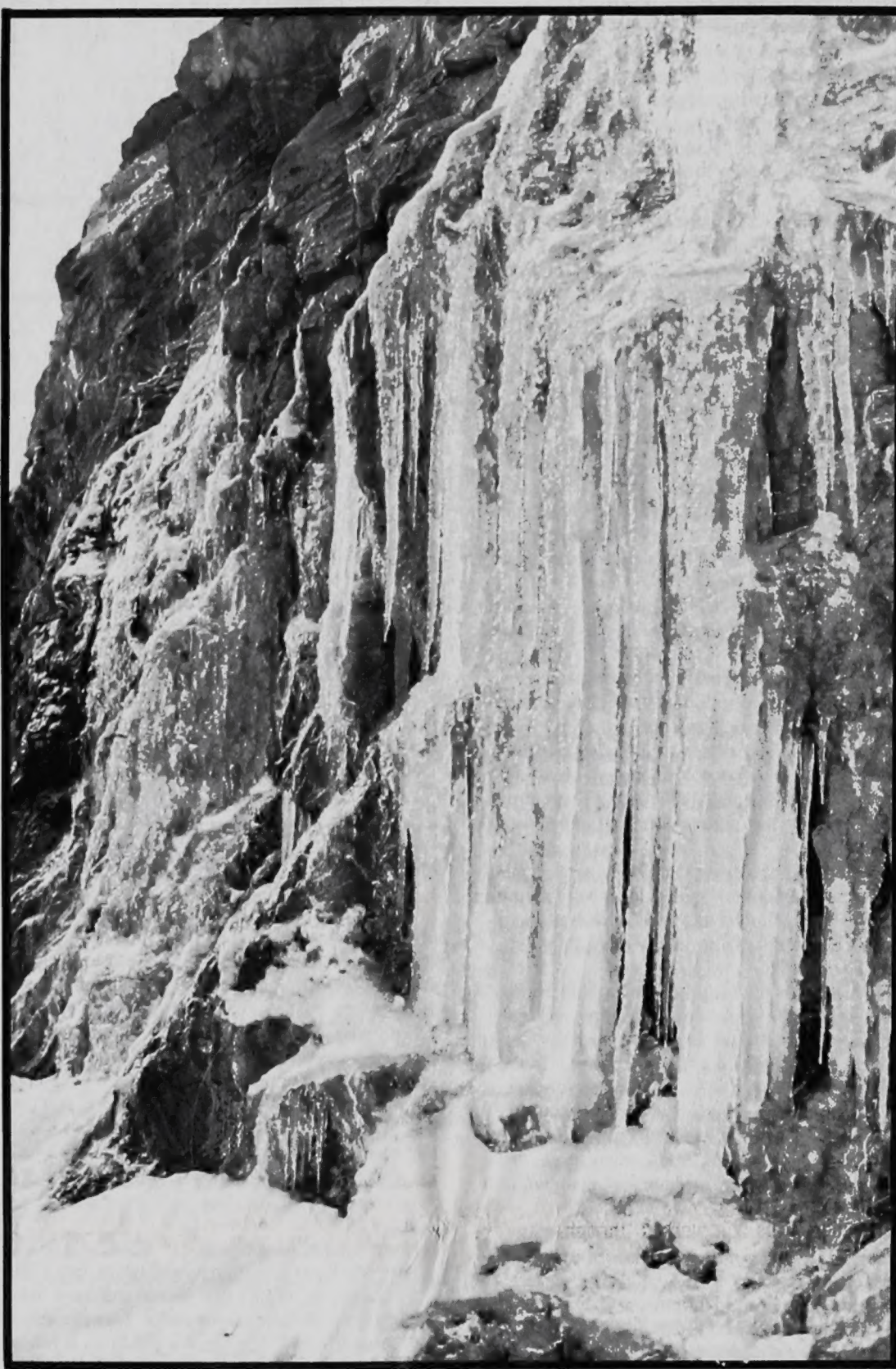
If many local taxpayers are unhappy with the board's decision to increase the size and cost of the administrative hierarchy, it is because they find it so difficult to relate to the problems that trustees, administrators and teachers face in responding to the demands of education in the 80's. Governments at all levels are notorious for empire building at the public expense. In the civil servant's frame of reference, bigger budgets mean more power and bigger salaries. The more ways that can be found to spend the public's money, the more bureaucrats are needed, in a circle of irresponsibility and waste that makes all of us poorer. Knowing that inefficiency and extravagance are facts of bureaucratic life, taxpayers are justifiably suspicious of new spending as close to home as the offices of The Haliburton County Board of Education. Federal and provincial ministers may not hear us when we mumble and grind our teeth in resigned protest, but the sounds carry at least as far as trustees, who after all may sit across the table from us in local restaurants or pass us on the streets of local villages and hamlets.

Board chairman David Villard told a visitor to last month's board meeting that while trustees make mistakes, they do not waste the taxpayers' money. They're not always right, he admitted, but they do their best to be responsible to the public who elected them.

That's true, of course, and it's a praiseworthy attitude. If the public doesn't always believe it, that is because the public has no way of understanding just what it is the board does from month to month. Trustees themselves will be the first to admit that it takes many months, even years to really understand the complexities of board of education responsibilities, and many of them do not serve long enough to master these difficult challenges. Others would have little to contribute if they served 20 years, but that is the fault of indifferent electors, all of whom seem to resent education costs but few of whom take the electoral process seriously enough to run, or to ensure that the best among any group of candidates makes it to the board table. In short, we get the board we deserve, and for the most part, we have been well served by the knowledgeable trustees who form the backbone of the local board.

Trustees may feel harried and beleaguered by a public that is quick to criticize and stingy with praise, but in the discontent over the superintendent position, they have not helped their cause by the 'microwave affair' which surfaced in November. A local taxpayer claimed the board's priorities were wrong when it became clear that taxpayers—who were of course, never consulted, even apparently, through trustees—paid for a microwave for the staff of the board office, while the home economics class at J. Douglas Hodgson elementary school does not have the use of one. If board office staff felt they needed a microwave, they should have paid for it themselves, as did the teachers at Hodgson school when they wanted one for the staff room.

To that extent, the board's priorities are certainly wrong, and that being so, they will find the superintendent position a difficult one to sell to a skeptical public, even if, as trustees are convinced, it is local students who ultimately will benefit.



An icy cascade on the Essonville Line

Photo by Len Pizze

Press shows both sides, reader says

LETTERS

from Echo readers

To the Editor:

I do not understand why Harvey Clarke and Leo Dobrzensky are upset about Canadian news reporting.

We have a good example of a free press right now with the arguments over the pending free trade deal with the U.S.

Newspapers, television and radio broadcasts have varying editorial views. Some tell us what a fine thing it will be with jobs and money, others take a stand in direct opposition to that of the federal government and the most powerful moneyed interest - they question the governments data on jobs and prosperity and point out the undesirable effects that this particular deal will have upon our social security, natural resources and our whole Canadian way of life.

What more can you ask?

Catherine Denholm,
Eagle Lake, Ontario.

A costly decision

To the Editor:

Re: Trustees defend new position against criticism of the cost. 'Echo', December 2, 1987.

In regard to the hiring of a Superintendent by the Board of Education, one basic question remains unanswered. How are students benefiting from the bureaucratization of our educational system?

Let's consider the following facts: 1) According to Statistics Canada, recent findings show an increase in illiteracy among students and even grade 12 graduates! 2) In recent years, all but two Canadian universities lowered standards to accommodate high school graduates. 3) Anyone wishing to enter a first-year university course abroad must first complete one, or preferably two years of university in Canada.

What are we doing wrong? Costs are constantly going up, why is the quality of education going down? How effective is the input from administrators, curriculum co-ordinators, all kinds of

councillors, psychologists, special education teachers and all the other, highly paid, experts who are employed to work with the children in addition to teachers?

Considering these facts, one has to wonder whether the cost of hiring another bureaucrat (plus executive secretary, plus the decoration and refurbishing of two new offices) will really pay dividends in better educational opportunities for County youngsters.

A concerned citizen, taxpayer, parent and grandparent.

L. Dobrzensky,
RR2, Haliburton.

Pas de Francais pour lui

To the Editor:

Your editorial of the 25th "Diversity" is doubtful journalism. Nor do I find "joy in a second language" or the cost of same in taxes.

The English, in taking over, opted in favour of French at home, but one official language (English) only. No better has evolved to date so let them live with it and stand up and be counted as Canadians. There should be no pampering. Lets have a unified Canada.

I'm a no nonsense frequent visitor.

M.D. Reid,
RR2, Minden.

A special gift

To the Editor:

Christmas is very much associated with gifts. Within the Christian tradition, it is believed that God gave His son to humanity; and that Christmas is a celebration of His Gift. As the Christmas season approaches, much thought, time, and money will be spent on gifts to family members, friends, and others in our communities.

Everyone likes and needs someone to recognize her/him through gifts. Regretfully, sometimes we get things we do not need or even want. Too often, also, gifts become mere exchanges of things as well as efforts to meet a sense of obligation. Whatever the gifts or the reasons, they should be expressions

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FEIR PLAY

by Creighton Feir

THE COUNTDOWN will soon be underway. Everyone will be counting the days remaining before Christmas Day. Yes it won't be too much longer before we will be saying goodbye to the old year of 1987 and welcoming in the new year of 1988. If we can take a little time to reflect back on 1987 I think that although many things happened to make us feel happy there were times when we didn't feel so happy. Once again this past year the world was filled with bloodshed brought on by terrorists, hijackers, and others. Talk of wars and the ever constant threat of nuclear war was still on our minds. During the past year the headlines in local and national newspapers were usually of a depressing nature. As the year draws to a close there seems to be a bit of sunrise coming up over the horizon with the news that a summit has been planned with President Reagan and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev which most of us think will be a success for the first time. When it comes to being thankful I think we all must agree that we who are fortunate enough to live here in Canada are the luckiest people in the world. Think for a moment of the millions of people in other countries who everyday of their lives are faced with hardships, starvation with practically no future to look forward to. This is why we, who live here in Canada, should be mighty proud to raise the Canadian flag and come to attention every time our national anthem is played.

Los Angeles Kings' centre Bernie Nicholls registered six goals and six assists for a total of 12 points in four road games to capture the Dodge Performer of the Week Award for the period ending November 22. Nicholls edged out team mate centre Bob Carpenter, Boston Bruins centre Steve Kasper, Hartford Whalers defenceman Dave Babych and Detroit Red Wings goaltender Glen Hanlon to earn the honour. The 26 year old Nicholls, a native of West Guilford, started the week with one assist in a 4-3 loss to the New York Islanders (November 17). He added one goal and two assists in a 7-5 loss against the Philadelphia Flyers (November 19) in Toronto.

Just a few notes:- The H.H.S.S. Redmen who dropped their first four games this winter have come back in their last two games with a win and a tie...If you're coming to Haliburton a must on your list is a look at the beautiful Christmas lights that light up the trees and the buildings at PineStone Inn and Country Club. It's something to behold...A retirement banquet was held recently for Joan Irish who is retiring from her teaching career. Many tributes were paid to Joan throughout the evening and she will be through teaching school at the end of this month.

We said it last year and it looks as though we are going to say it again this year. This could end up as a record as far as building is concerned here in Haliburton County this winter. We are now well into December and contractors, electricians, plumbers and well drillers tell me that they have all that they can handle at the present time and there seems to be lots of work waiting for them in the future. As far as work in concerned it's a great winter for all the tradesmen and their helpers and especially in the village of Haliburton where residential and commercial buildings are going up all over the place. If you haven't been to Haliburton in the last few months just drop around and you will be surprised at what you will see. An employee from Dennis Debler Drilling Limited tells me that they have more wells to drill right now than they had back in the summer months. This is what we are looking for and that is a good all year round economy. Up to this point in the building game weather conditions for building have been ideal with very little snow and not too many cold days.

A surprise party was held recently for Lester Walling of Haliburton to celebrate his 80th birthday. Twenty-two members of the family gathered at his home from Ottawa, Weston, Bramalea, Port Credit and Toronto. Lester is said to be the oldest living male residing in Haliburton who was born in the vill ge.

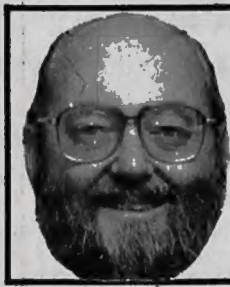
Finn of Windsurfinn was chosen as one of the sailsmen from across Canada and the United States to attend the week long "BIC" sailboard convention on Lazoronte Islands. He participated in the unveiling of the 1988 BIC sailboard line and UP sails. During the week he took part in wave sailing along with two of the best windsurfers in the world: Stephen Van Der Berg of Holland and Mike Eskimo of Hawaii.

The local merchants are going all out for Christmas this year and they hope to have many interesting attractions for you when you shop in Haliburton during this month of December. On Saturday Santa came to town and stopped to visit the children when he toured the main street. Horse drawn wagon rides which free proved to be quite an attraction for both young and old alike. Later on in the day free helium balloons were handed out to the children. The Haliburton merchants are trying to make this a very special Christmas with the promise of other special attractions in the coming weeks.

The Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton, Sunday School Christmas program will be held this coming Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

POINTS OF VIEW

Career path can take strange turns



The View From Here

by
Harvey Clarke

THE ROAD of life has many forks, it seems, and the reasons a person chooses one turn instead of another sometimes can seem strange in retrospect.

How did you end up doing the job you are doing now, or did for most of your career? Was it what you set out to do in life, or did some circumstance change your direction along the way?

These thoughts came to mind last month when I had the pleasure of listening to Bob Hesketh reminiscing about his career. He was talking to the Canadian broadcasters' Quarter-Century Club, where I had gone to renew acquaintances with some of the people I'd worked with over the past forty years.

Bob's name and trade mark "and that's the way I see it" may be familiar to you from Blue Cross commercials, or from one of the 40-plus stations who carry his syndicated feature each day across the country.

Listeners to CFRB, where the program originates, also knew him as the substitute for Gordon Sinclair on his shows when Sinc took time off, finally taking his place in 1984 when Gord died. Bob is giving up the news shows at the end of the year, but will be doing his feature for a couple of more years yet.

He spent 14 years in the newspaper game, mostly with the old Toronto Telegram, and it was when he was talking about getting his first reporting job that I was reminded of the strange little circumstances that shape human lives.

First of all, Bob explained that when he was interviewed, his interest in writing throughout school, and his willingness to work cheap were two factors in him getting the job over some other applicants.

But the one that clinched it for him was that he could type — not something a lot of young men were known for in 1945. But it was why he could type that represented that "fork in the road" factor that gave him the edge and got him the job.

I have a daughter who spent several good years with Ma Bell doing unfathomable things on computers. Sharon didn't apply for a computer job — she was a receptionist.

But she spent time helping someone in the department with her computer work, and when the boss discovered she'd taken computers in high school,

he encouraged her to apply for a better position — and she went on from there.

And how come she had taken the computer course in high school? Well, she wanted to get out of French partway into the first term of her second-to-last year. She was told the only way she could change was if she could replace it with another subject that would fit into her timetable and not affect other courses.

So she took computers.

My other daughter left her after-school job at the public library to work in a health food store — because her girl friend had left the library to go there for a nickel or dime more an hour.

The store owner was always promising great rewards to any of his staff who would come back to work for him after getting a degree in Nutrition. So Janet decided she'd try that particular field.

She worked her way through Ryerson in hospital kitchens, which was also part of her internship, and won a number of scholarships. Once she had training in the field, she wasn't at all interested in working in a health food store.

But she held responsible positions in two hospitals after she graduated, and one of her projects there led to her being invited to talk at a Canadian Medical Association seminar.

Before she started raising her family, she was running a 600 seat cafeteria, also for the Bell, as it happens.

Myself, I got into radio through the record business. When I was growing up, my best friend's father was the ad manager for Columbia Records, and was responsible for my choice of advertising as a field.

I was always reluctant to apply for a job (I was even shyer in those days) but when I saw Capitol Records was looking for an ad manager, and you had to apply to "Scotty" McLaughlan I sent a letter right off.

I was invited to London for an interview, and hitch-hiked from Toronto (where I was working in an ad agency), with lots of self confidence. Imagine my shock at finding that this "Scotty" was a complete stranger. If I'd known that, I'd have never had the nerve to apply for the job.

But I got it, and we moved back to London, where I spent three of the most interesting years of my life in a job that eventually led me into radio.

And how come Bob Hesketh learned to type, a skill that got him into print, and then into his career in broadcasting?

Well, if we're to believe what he told us, (and I am inclined to, considering the detail he put into his description), when he was in high school, he had what he termed "the hots" for a girl who really filled out white sweaters.

He figured that taking typing would give him a better chance of getting to know her, and give him an edge on the other guys...

Never did tell us if it worked, though.



PIC OF THE PAST

by Creighton Feir

Our thanks go out to Mary Hadley of Gooderham, Ontario for submitting this week's photo and information.

This picture shows the students standing in front of the Bear Lake School in the year 1940. Front row from the left: Ruth Graham, Margaret Madill and Sylvia Reil. Back row: Gordon Madill, Robert Madill, Glen Graham, Walter Madill, Mossom Graham and Ross Madill.

Some trends a little far-fetched



Sunny Side Up

by
Martha Perkins

HAVE I GOT the scoop for you. Well, actually it's not really a scoop since the inspiration comes to me from last week's cover story of TIME magazine, but as far as I know, I'm the first one to give the New Age trend a Haliburton Highlands twist.

For anyone who did not read the article, here's how you get ready to be the ultimate trendite so you can impress all your friends: First of all, go out on to your driveway and pick up a couple of stones, the ones with the more crystal particles in them, the better. Put them in a glass jar and walk down to the lake nearest you to fill the jar with water. On the next sunny day, place the jar outside, or if it's too cold and you're afraid it will freeze, put it in a nice sunny spot. Now because we're a lot farther away from the sun than those ultimate trendites in California, perhaps it's better to let the jar sit for two days instead of one.

What you've got now is the sun's energy captured in those stones and even though you'd be a bit late for the apocalypse, what you'll do next is climb the hill to Skyline Park to join with other devotees gathered on similar hills throughout the world to provide harmony. If there's no harmony, and you get this by chanting "om, ommm", then the ancient

Mayans predicted the end of the world would soon be upon us.

Don't worry about looking silly because one of the nice things about this new trend is everyone is God and co-creator of the universe. Besides that, if you trip and fall on the rocks, you don't have to worry about pain because pain is not reality.

Now all this is fine for the moment, but if you really want to get into the trend, you'll have to spend more time going far back into your past. You know, like the woman who finally found out why she's afraid of big animals—she used to be married to St. Peter and after Jesus' crucifixion, her husband shared the same fate and she was thrown to the lions. It's so simple, don't you see.

The brave among you can go one more step and find one of the great modern-day prophets, or channellers, who can set you up with a direct link to the inhabitants of our nearest star, Alpha Centauri—the good channellers won't even need a satellite dish. Any questions will be answered, never mind if the answers are a bit ambiguous. For instance, if everyone is God and you wonder if that means murderers are God too, you might have to spend some time figuring out just what "Your truth is your truth; my truth is my truth" means.

And me, what will I be doing as you embark on your latest trendy adventure? I'm afraid I'm just a bit too old-fashioned to be considered a New Ager. Maybe in my next life.

We welcome your comments.

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AS OTHERS SEE IT

by Bob Giuliano

CHRISTMAS Shopping! Bah! Humbug! We've started it again. The usual deep sighs, then impatience with each other. A cloud looms and a fight starts. After thirty years of marriage we're getting better at heading the fight off at the pass, but the possibility is there until we sit down and set priorities again. Betty's mind and mine do not share the same vision of Christmas until we negotiate a settlement. I want to leave it all until December 23 (a way of denial and pretending that it is something to have fun with). Betty wants to get at it mid-November and be finished with it by December 15. She is more responsible, faces that it has to be done and wants to do a good job. I'd do it all Christmas Eve, in the drugstore if she would let me.

We finally get to the talk. It means looking honestly at the problem that faces us each year. How do we decide (and agree) on what to get who? We make our lists, then set out the problems: Do you try to give people what you think they want? What they might need? What might really surprise them? What we can afford? What will be fair to all? Or what we personally would like to give them?

Look at each priority in the light of the task at hand. Giving people what you think they might want is easier when buying for kids (except the "what can we afford" part gets in the way). But when buying for adult children and family and friends you begin to realize that you don't really know what they want. In fact a reoccurring theme emerges: we don't really know our friends and family anymore.

So you move to "what they might need". Reflecting on the needs of persons on our list we begin to realize that no one really needs anything. Everyone has more than they need and although needs and wants get all mixed up, when it comes

down to it, need in our circle is a very relative issue. And what folks really need, we can't give.

On the priority number one in my mind: getting folks what would surprise, delight. I have a couple of recollections of this sort. Once, years ago, Betty got me a steel stringed guitar! I can barely holler a tune, let alone sing one, but have always wished that I could play an instrument and sing. It was sheer surprise and joy. I've always wanted to surprise folks like that. But when it comes down to it, surprises are harder to give than we think. We agree that it is a priority if we can think of something to do it with. Imagination is a little dull these days so we don't hope for too much here.

Looking at the number of gifts to be purchased, the high cost of life and facing what we can afford, puts us in a bit of a blue funk for a little while. You face this in two ways, mine or Betty's. Mine is: "What the heck, we'll pay for it in the new year." Her's is, "Does anyone want to live with Bob in January when the bills come in?" So we negotiate a sane, sort of, settlement. This includes the agreement to do what we swore we would never do: "keep it fair", spend the same amount on each of the kids and their wives etc. We hated it when our parents did it and are now doing it never-the-less. I don't really know why, parents just do these things. Probably because we do have favourites among the kids and grand kids and don't want to be found out. We do love all, but some are more fun than others. Anyway, we are agreed to be fair.

Down to the last category to be considered: giving folks what we want to give them. Pure and simple giving out of our own hearts that which we feel good about and want others to have. Now this is where I used to live! An electric train for a one year old son. High speed racing cars when they were still too young. A trumpet for an old man dying of cancer, etc., etc. They all had meaning for me and I loved giving them, even giving the explanations

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SPORTS



Haliburton's House League Pee Wee's met Wilberforce on Saturday's action at the Monmouth arena. The local house league action gives everyone a chance to improve their skating and shooting skills.

Atoms win tournament in Shelburne

Haliburton's OMHA Atom Huskies went to a tournament in Shelburne over the weekend and came out the victors. The first game of the tournament was against Hespler, and the score was 10-0 for Haliburton. The second game was against Parry Sound with a score of 11-6 for Haliburton. The final game was against Creemore who had

a fast skating team. The Haliburton Atoms put forth a strong effort with both lines working superb offense and defense. Back up with good goal tending, the final score was 8-3 for Haliburton. This is the first tournament win for the team this year. In the other tournaments the team had lost in the final championship game. The team continued their winning streak during the last week against Fenelon Falls with a 5-1 score and against Woodville with a 3-0 score.

Skating club helps brighten the day for injured girl

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club says almost \$600 has been raised to date for the Jennifer Schefee Fund. This amount has been made possible by donations from private citizens, business donations and Figure Skating Clubs in Haliburton County and other areas. Speaking on behalf of the club, Karen Tuner expressed "sincere gratitude" to everyone who has contributed. The Haliburton Figure Skating Club will continue to accept donations for the fund. They can be sent to the Haliburton Figure Skating Club, P.O. Box 247, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Jennifer remains in St. Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough after being injured by a hit and run driver on Hallowe'en night. At present she is still in traction but plans are that hinges will soon be put in her casts at the knees. This will enable her to finally get out of bed and sit in a wheelchair. She is reported to have really appreciated the cards and letters that have been sent. Plans for discharge from hospital have not been made. Cards and letters to Jennifer should be addressed to St. Joseph's General Hospital, 384 Rogers St., 4th Floor, Peterborough, Ontario.

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Redmen team breaks jinx, finds way to win after losses

Haliburton's Redmen hockey team are making up for lost time these days. After a disappointing start to the season with four successive losses, the Redmen have two wins and a tie in their last three outings. Last Tuesday the Redmen travelled to Peterborough and handed Crestwood a 9-0 drubbing. And in a home game in Minden last Wednesday, the Haliburton high school boys battled their arch rivals from Fenelon Falls to a three-all tie, despite some short tempers that led to a spate of penalties. The visitors left the Redmen trailing 1-0 by the end of the first period, and moved in front 2-0 early in the second. Erin Nicholls narrowed the gap to 2-1 a little over

half way through the period, but Fenelon came right back to regain a two goal advantage. In the third period Haliburton got their offensive play clicking and began a comeback. Hunter Obee moved his team to within one goal, and shortly afterwards Jeff Popple found the mesh to tie the game at three apiece. Neither side was able to notch any other goals as time ran out, and the Redmen had to settle for a tie. With the momentum clearly coming their way, the local boys will be looking for another win when they take on Lakefield this Wednesday, December 9, at the Dysart arena. Game time is 7:15 p.m.



Wilberforce goalie makes a save in house league action last Saturday

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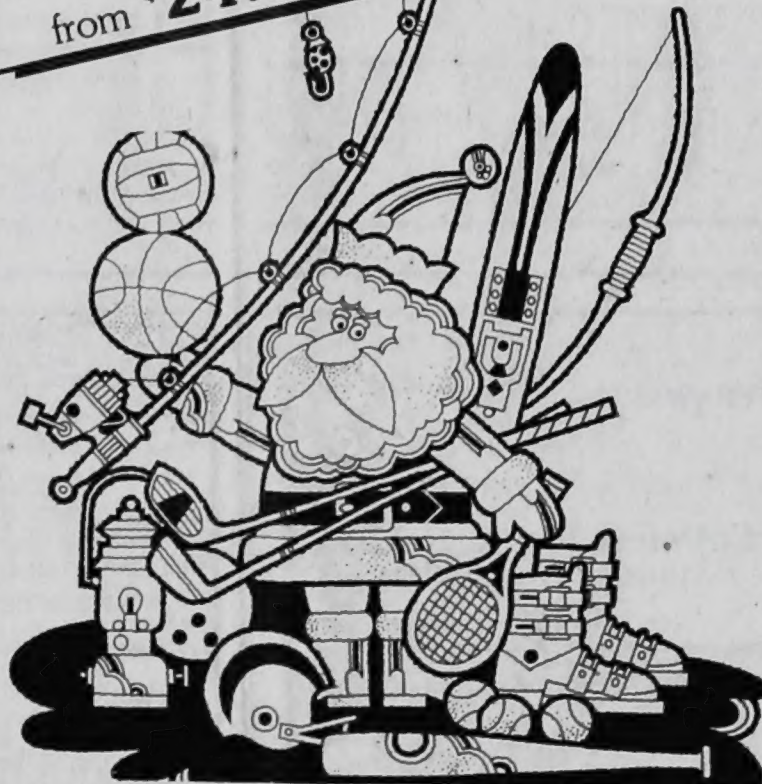


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Bantams skate to win

On December 4, Haliburton OMHA Bantams hosted Sunderland. With the two forward lines digging in the Sunderland end, the defense not letting Sunderland pass the blue line and Hans Fluegal playing a strong game in the net, Haliburton was able to walk away with a 8-1 win.

After a slow start Jeff Anderson, assisted by Jason Billings, put Haliburton on the board. Two minutes later Jason Billings, assisted by Jeff Anderson, scored his second.

Eighteen seconds after the puck was dropped for the second period, Jason Morrisette, assisted by Brian Waller, put in goal number three. Eighty-seven seconds later Jason Morrisette, assisted by Darren

Danylyshen, and Craig Bain, beat the Sunderland goalie again for number four.

Sunderland was able to sneak pass the defense and score their only goal.

Jason Morrisette, with his third of the night, assisted by Darren Danylyshen and Jamie Paradie, scored Haliburton's fifth goal. Jason Billings, assisted by Chad Burden, scored number six. With 1:56 remaining in the second period Jason Billings did a figure eight around the defense and obtained his hat trick for the night.

Brian Waller, assisted by Jamie Paradie, finished the scoring with the only goal of the third period.

Emmerson club ties, loses

Emmerson Lumber came out on the short end of the stick in two Haliburton men's league games over the past week. Last Wednesday the lumber team battled Elstone Motors to a 6-6 tie, and on Sunday night Curry Motors emerged the winners over Emmerson in a hard-fought, 7-6 contest.

Emmerson Lumber twice came back from deficits to move ahead of Elstone Motors in the Wednesday contest, and were leading 6-5 until, with a little over a minute left on the clock, the motormen came back to tie.

Scoring for Emmerson Lumber were Joe Roberts with two, Al Finni, Bob Woodcock, Phil Barry and Dave Cowan. Netting Elstone's goals were Luke Schell with three, Rob Abbs, Tom Curry and Rod

Sisson.

On Sunday night the Emmerson squad was forced to play catch-up hockey after tying the score at three early in the second period, but time ran out on their hopes for a win.

Curry Motors demonstrated a strong offense, as seven players each netted a goal, while the Lumbermen were held to only six.

Scoring for Curry Motors were Tom Reddering, Wells Robertson, Glen Scully, Brian Black, Steve Roberts, Floyd Henry and number 7, whose name was not identified on the score sheet.

Emmerson's scoring punch came from Norm Barry with a hat trick, Chris Mawby with a pair, and Al Finni with one goal.

Eakins reports on initiatives

THIS WEEK'S column reflects on a number of our government's initiatives both locally, and throughout the province.

Now that the winter season is firmly entrenched, my colleague Ed Fulton, the Minister of Transportation has announced his Ministry will once again be providing a winter road reporting service.

You can call the numbers listed below to obtain up to date information on the condition of all provincial and secondary highways 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the winter months.

Telephone numbers for local offices in areas near Haliburton and Victoria Counties are: Bancroft (613)332-3621; Huntsville (705)789-4483; Peterborough (705)277-3333; Lindsay (705)277-3333; Port Hope (416)885-6351; in addition, people living in the 705 area code can call toll free 1-800-461-9523.

I am also pleased to announce financial assistance has been made available to a number of organiza-

tions in our riding involved in the preservation of our local heritage and culture.

My colleague, Lily Munro, Minister of Culture and Communications has provided \$16,404 to the Haliburton Highlands Museum to continue the work the museum performs.

In Fenelon Falls, the museum will receive a grant of \$1,049 to assist in the operation of the facility, and the Victoria County Museum will receive an operating grant of \$4,974.

Finally, I am sure many will welcome the news that a number of changes are being implemented to reform the operation of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

In the coming months, store locations, product selection and store types will be tied to local preferences and employees will be encouraged to broaden their product knowledge. Regional, district and store Managers will have a much greater voice in Board policies and practices.

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From its lofty perch, Dobbins' dome home known to all

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

CHANCES ARE that when MJ and Archie Dobbins meet a county resident for the first time, their own faces may not be familiar to the new acquaintances, but their home is. All the Dobbins have to say is that they live in the dome home which stands atop the hill overlooking the Allsaw Bridge and there is instant recognition... Ah, so you're the ones who live there.

"It's fun, everyone knows us by our house," says Mrs. Dobbins. Few people driving from Minden to Haliburton along Highway 121 can miss the sight of the geometrically-designed house with its large star-window pointing heavenward. At first glance, one might believe it's an amateur astrologer's lofty lookout, but for more than two years now, it's been home for the Dobbins and their two sons, Shawn and Christopher. "It's our claim to fame."

A few years ago, the Dobbins were living in a home which no one would really stop to look at in passing. She was a nurse and he a technician, and living in a "box" home in Mississauga was the most expedient course to follow when they first started out. But all the while, Mr. Dobbins was telling his wife that he had this great idea about where they could live.

"She didn't believe me that I'd build her a house all her friends would want to come and visit," he says now, smiling. Push came to shove about

building this house as their two sons grew older and they wanted to leave the city. "Living in the city was a matter of convenience but when it comes to raising a family, the place to be is in the country."

The Dobbins saw too many things in the city that they didn't like and they soon began scouting around for a place where Mr. Dobbins could build his wife this house he had promised. When the real estate agents told them that Haliburton was one of the last regions in the country to be developed, they were convinced this should be home.

"Kind of a frontier town," Mr. Dobbins thought. "Sounds like the place for us."

Now when you decide to build a house with an observatory, or cupola, you want to make sure you'll have something to see from its high perch, so Haliburton was also attractive because there are so many hills. Besides that, part of Mr. Dobbins future career was going to be selling dome home kits and he needed to build someplace where people could see it.

Once they started building in 1985, there was no problem in sparking people's interest: From the time the shell was built, passersby were driving up the long hill to find out just what this strange-looking building was supposed to be. The Echo even took to wondering and did a story about the Dobbins in the summer of 1985.

A dome home is actually a lot easier to build than it looks because all the geometric pieces for the roof fit so perfectly together. Thorough planning and



'We do not want to be normal because normal is a drag,' say Archie and MJ Dobbins, whose dome home is anything but normal. 'The biggest part of it was the challenge of building something people told us couldn't be done.'

Not many manufacturing companies build staircases for dome homes so Archie Dobbins had to put his welding skills to work. The house's design is quite simple really, based on geometric pieces all fitting perfectly together



research must be undertaken before you start building and engineers spent two and a half years working out the final details which took into consideration such things as average wind speeds, height of the house, and number of people living there.

Even though there are dome homes in the United States, and the Dobbins' kit originally comes from there, many modifications had to be made to meet the standards set out by the Canadian Home and Mortgage Company, which provided the Dobbins with the financial backing. Energy efficiency is the buzz-word of building today and the CMHC is very strict about supporting only the homes which may cost more to build in the first place but end up saving the owners money after five years.

The distance between the inner wall and the stained vertical pine siding shell is 16 inches—12 inches of insulation and four inches of free-flowing air. This means that while the house is air-tight from the inside (all the fixtures and vents have special insulation too), there is lots of room for the house to "sweat", as all houses normally do.

One might think that an air-tight house would result in stuffy air, but the Dobbins built in a ventilation system that circulates fresh air through the house every half hour. Hooked into the heating system, it also ensures that every room in the house is maintained at the same temperature. For extra ventilation in the summer, if you open a few of the screen doors in the cupola as well as a few windows in the downstairs, you'll get a soft breeze rising all the way through the house.

The windows are another special feature of the house, especially the large window panes comprising the star shape overlooking the Allsaw Bridge. It is double laminated with a bronze tone so it will get darker when the sun shines. Its special efficient-

cy features mean it will reflect heat back into the house in the winter and help keep it cool in the summer. On the venetian blinds there is a reflector screen which also reflects heat or coolness back to their source.

"It cost us 30 to 40 per cent more but the resultant savings in heat and comfort more than justifies it," says Mr. Dobbins, adding that their philosophy is ask what the best product is first and find out how much it costs when you get the bill. "We think that we built a better than average house because we didn't cheap out on anything."

Because the house is so unique, not only in Haliburton, the Dobbins actually had the engineers on their side—no one else knew what to do about it and couldn't offer any advice.

But that doesn't mean finding qualified local contractors was any problem. "We're very fortunate that there are very professional tradespeople around here," says Mr. Dobbins. As a technician, he's been in many houses where the workmanship is of the lowest standards and "there are many questionable building practices."

The difference between contractors here and in the city, he adds, is that they can take the time to "slow down and do things the way they should be done," not how the dynamics of building a subdivision in a month says it should be done.

Last September, when the Dobbins moved in a day before school started, there was a lot of interior work yet to be done, but this was just par for the course. "We always force ourselves to do things that are uncomfortable because you get things done a lot faster," says Mr. Dobbins. Having very few conveniences around you is a great incentive for putting your mind to the work at hand.

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Dome home means an end to 'boxes'

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Mrs. Dobbins, and her volunteering mother and sister when they were available, had the unenviable task of painting all the walls and since each wall in the house had to be painted, that was quite a monumental task. Mr. Dobbins had to figure out how to build a staircase that would fit in with the home's design, and together, with three other people helping them, they recently had to build a stone wall all around the house. All the topsoil they had trucked up was sliding down the hill with each rain-fall and they needed a retaining wall to keep everything from washing away. It also did not take many attempts at driving up their steep driveway after inclement weather to make them realize they needed another plan for their driveway. While they were building the retaining wall, a driveway with a much gentler slope was making its way up the hill.

All in all, however, it wasn't the little incidents, such as building the place, which provided the challenge for the Dobbins, but the satisfaction they felt when they successfully completed something many others had doomed to failure.

"The biggest part of it was the challenge to build something people told us couldn't be done," says Mr. Dobbins, who will instantly go out to prove the opposite is true. "When people tell you you shouldn't do something it's because they're lazy or jealous or don't have the motivation to do it."

The result far surpasses any speculation or tribulations for the Dobbins, who would never go back to the more conventional "box" houses. "After living in a places like this I'd find it very hard to live in a box," says Mr. Dobbins, who likes how the geometric shape of the house gives the rooms more dimensions and curves. No room is the same and because it would simply be impossible, no room is square.

It's surprising how big the house is inside. Because it is almost 40 feet high, the 40-foot width is dwarfed in comparison and there is 3,000 square feet of living space.

Perhaps the most conventional rooms are on the first floor when you first walk in. The kitchen does have some slight curves in it, making kitchen cupboards impossible to order from a manufacturer, but a drywall partition separates the hallway and downstairs bedroom, bathroom and work area from the main area.

It's when you go upstairs that you notice the big difference. As you walk up the steel stairs, the star window is above you, letting all the light of the day shine forth. The main living room is large and irregularly shaped, furnished just as you find many other homes. The sense of space is enlarged once more by a large opening between the living room and a small den for the television. Anywhere you sit in either room you can feel the full effect of living in a dome home. A doorway leads you to a large bathroom where a deep Jacuzzi bathtub points towards a large window and television, and the toilette area is off to the side. Down the hall is another bedroom.

Upstairs is the Dobbins' large bedroom with its own bathroom and wooden shutter doors opening up to the space above the living room. Once again there is no feeling of being in a closed-in space and the Dobbins say from one room to another it is very quiet.

Already there are plans for expansion. The Dobbins own Epsilon Fabrications and are going to build another dome to use as a showroom for the satellite and security systems, as well as provide shelter for the cars. It will be built behind the present dome and will likely attract even more passersby. What to do with the cupola has not yet been decided but they are considering either a reading room or someplace Mr. Dobbins can use for his ham radio.

Needless to say, one of the most spectacular things about the house is the view of the Highlands surrounding the house. From the cupola's vantage point, you can see both Lake Kashagawigamog and Soyer's Lake, as well as all points in between. The autumn colours are simply stunning, Mrs. Dobbins says, and the nearby woods are teeming with wildlife.

All in all, the house says a lot about the Dobbins, they say. It may be a bit out of the ordinary but "We do not want to be normal because normal is a drag."

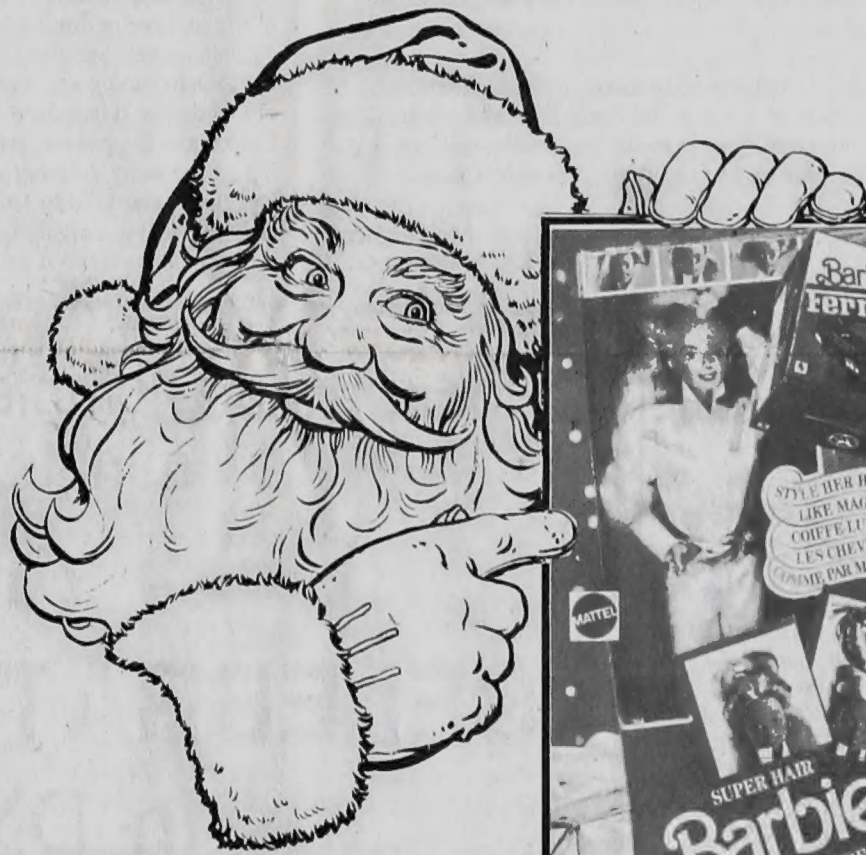
Rotarians honoured for service with Five Counties Centre

Bob Morrow, a long-time trustee with the Five Counties Children's Centre in Peterborough, received a gift of appreciation from Ulva Braden, while at right, Alice Johnson, executive director of the centre, presents a plaque to five-year director, Doug Devolin



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of love; attempts to fulfill needs. We, who live especially in an affluent society, tend to confuse "need" and "want". Interchangeably, we'll say need or want to relatives and friends who are considering Christmas for us. In our list of suggestions, there will possibly be no requests for drinking water, an adequate supply of food and medicines, suitable housing, basic medical equipment and facilities, and sufficient educational materials. Yet within our world community, millions of men, women and children are suffering, and many are dying because they are not getting enough or any of these basic necessities. These are not commodities. They are the "gifts of life" which everyone needs.

Fortunately, we have the H.A.V.E. Committee — a group of volunteers who are committed to assisting the very needy in Developing Countries. Through the H.A.V.E. funds, including the matching contributions from CIDA, the following have been provided within the past three years: (a) in India: 47 drilled wells, a gravity-fed pipeline system, a Rural Community Health Centre expansion program, and a number of smaller compassionate projects; and (b) in the Gambia: educational material to teachers and students, and six large village wells (to be dug).

When making up your Christmas list, we invite you to contribute a "gift of life" for our desperately, needy neighbours in our global village. You can direct your contribution (via: H.A.V.E. fund) to the treasurer, Mr. John Stouffer, Box 541, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. You will get an official receipt for income tax purposes. CIDA will match your gift and all of it will go towards a basic self-help project.

By providing a "gift of life", the meaning and the joy of Christmas are being truly realized.

May the Christmas spirit continue with you throughout the New Year.

Gerry Feltham,
Ingoldsby, Ontario.

A moments pause

To the Editor:

As the Christmas season approaches, we more fortunate Canadians should spend a few moments thinking of those people in the world who live in less favourable conditions. So much of Christmas is a feast—not only for our palates, but also for our eyes. We see the sparkling coloured lights, the brightly decorated store windows, and the look of wonder in a child's eyes. But have your readers ever thought what it would be like to be blind and to be deprived of such sight?

Caring comes from within us; it isn't something we don, like a cloak at this time of year. One way to learn how to care is to join a team of volunteers that supports a Canadian-based organization called OPERATION EYESIGHT UNIVERSAL (OEU). OEU's annual goal for its work in the Developing World is to treat one million eyes and to restore sight to 1000,000 curable blind people.

Earlier this year, I was fortunate enough to be part of an OEU volunteer team that toured India. Across that vast sub-continent, I saw for myself how effectively OEU uses its funds, spending only 10 percent of the monies raised on promotion and administration. The remaining 90 percent goes to finance blindness prevention and sight-restoration projects, where not just sight is restored, but also human dignity. From the squalid slums of Bombay to the impressive capital city of New Delhi, I witnessed the selfless dedication of the Indian doctors, nurses and administrators. With the help of OEU, they are creating new beginnings and changing lives for as little as \$25 per patient. Each \$25 raised in Canada goes to finance cataract surgery, medication, hospitalization, food, cataract glasses, and follow-up care for a patient.

An Indian proverb tells us "All that is not given is lost". Before we lose our perspective on the true meaning of Christmas God's gift to the world—why not give one of the most precious gifts of all—the gift of sight?

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A driver's verse

To the Editor:

A Tribute to School Bus Drivers!

This person must be special in every way
To listen and sort out the complaints each day.
They must have patience and be wise
To understand but also be able to endure these guys.

We rise early and begin our route
In all types of weather we have no doubt
That we can do a job we were hired for
To drive each student safely, this is our chore.

We have many a headache with all of the noise
Coming from a bus full of girls and boys.
But the biggest task when our day is done
Is to work out the frustrations one by one.

You see, we not only have problems with our students
But some of our greatest aggravations are the parents.
To cope with both of them can be a full time job,
For some throw a lot of verbal abuse, just like a mob.

Nevertheless, we drivers could tell you much more
About these little angels that we really adore.
However, I find it incredible how some parents reveal
How good their child is and the bus driver unreal!

We as drivers appreciate all the parents who support us,
Because they know the hassles we have, from riding on the bus
And what our day is made up of both morn and night
To hear them encourage us makes a difference, such a delight.

So we as drivers must carry on with a smile
For there is a job to be done mile after mile.
No, we don't get a medal or even a rest
From Fall to Spring, that's life at it's best.

Ruth McKnight,
RR1, Haliburton.



Santa arrived in Wilberforce by fire truck last Saturday to the delight of local children who lined up to sit on

his knee and tell him their Christmas wishes. The event is sponsored annually by the Monmouth Firefighters.

Freedom comes after the shopping

As OTHERS SEE IT

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of my heart. Betty goes a little cool and distant as we discuss this category, but then relaxes when she discovers that I don't know my own heart and mind anymore. How can I give what I want to give when I hardly know who I am these days, let alone how to be the craziness of my heart. So, I'm foiled at this juncture and must concede to the practical.

Facing that we don't know ourselves at this stage in life and really don't know the folk we are giving to, but agreed on some basic items that might be appreciated and used, we rev up the truck and head out to do the purchasing. For me this is fun time. Looking at the people, listening to the music, talking to the Sally Ann bell ringer, stopping for coffee, lunch and kind of letting myself be mesmerized by it all. It is a highly romantic venture. For Betty it is work. We compliment each other nicely in this.

I keep her light hearted and she sees to it that we do what we went out there to do.

Then comes the biggest shock of all. What our imaginations had conjured up and we had agreed on is just not in the stores. There are jillions of things, an oppressive, overwhelming impact of stuff, but not what you are looking for. That is when my coffee time, 'let's take a break' attitude pays off. We sit down and talk about what is possible, what is available. Many compromises later, we have done the thing and having endured the usual 'buyer's remorse', (seeing something else after you have made your purchase that might be more suitable, or cheaper) we come to the final reality that has been dogging us all along: We, deep down, don't really feel that this is an appropriate way to celebrate the birth of the One who calls folks to freedom.

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Haliburton can learn from Muskoka's tax woes

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adjust to the new rate. As well, her advice to other councils considering full market value is that the increased taxation only comes into effect when the property is sold "on the premise a person knows what they're getting into." This way, the families who have owned property for years and do not want to move will not have to suffer just because their property is now in great demand.

A lot of the increases have occurred because certain property owners were not paying their fair share before and now are a bit shocked to find themselves on an equitable basis with other properties. Bush lots were selling at inflated prices a few years ago when everyone thought there'd be a great demand for firewood, and now they are being assessed for more money than the property is really worth.

But "just because the assessment value increases doesn't mean you need that much more money to run the township," she points out. Let's say a township knows it has to raise \$25,000 in taxes to pay for all the costs of the year, she says. Let's also say the assessment roll says there is \$1-million worth in property for you to get this money from. Now if next year the assessment roll doubles, you still only need approximately \$25,000, so what you do is cut the mill rate in half, which is exactly what happened in her township. The district mill rate and the board of education rate hardly changed and because there was so much more property value from which to base taxes, the township's mill rate was cut in half.

This means that there are some properties in the township which are taxed the same amount as they were in other years, and there are even some properties which have been taxed less. For the most part, the people who were taxed more, deserved to be taxed more. Should someone complain about their assessment, then Hatch says "Sell me the property at the price you think should be on your assessment statement." Chances are they would not sell it for a lower sum.

If Hatch seems unsympathetic to the cottagers' concerns about full market value, then they have her unqualified support when it comes to the education tax issue.

"Property tax should be raised to service properties, not people," she says, and she has been fighting long and hard for the province to change the education grant structure. "We need more provincial funding."

Hatch and her fellow district councillors did take their argument to the provincial government and the result was "I think the Ministry of Revenue heard us but I'm not so sure about the Ministry of Education."

There's no firm commitment about possible changes to the taxation system coming from the Minister of Municipal Affairs either.

"I do understand what the cottagers are saying and I'm open to being convinced," says local MPP and minister, John Eakins. "You're always looking for new ideas and new reforms. I think there are other ways (of taxation) that should be looked at. We have to be open to review."

Because he is not thoroughly familiar with the MacDonald Commission (see story about cottagers' views), Eakins says "I can't comment directly" on its recommendations, but he can say the Minister of Revenue is considering what it has to say. These things all take time and the treasurer must look at "where he gets the money from and whether he's going to make any changes. It's a big process."

In the meantime, Eakins says that it's good that cottagers keep expressing their views, although he has heard about the issue mainly through the media, not by letters written to his office. "These changes come about when people feel there's a more just way of doing things" and his mind is open to hearing some of those suggestions.

Until there are changes in the provincial funding structure, local politicians are just going to have to

make do with what they have. And with a municipal election coming up next November and the cottagers saying they are going to make it a campaign issue, making do is going to be a very tricky art.

"Cottagers have a big voice and there's no question they have a lot of strength," says Stanhope reeve Harry Davis, who brought the impact study proposal to county council in the spring. "There's so many arguments pro and con."

When he brought the proposal to the county council, what he and the other members were concerned about was having an equitable system throughout the county and knowing what repercussions changing the assessment policy would create.

"Some people who haven't been paying their fair share think they're being singled out and penalized," he says, but this is not the case. The whole point is to make sure everyone would be paying the same amount based on the value of their property.

What council is doing is working within the system, Davis adds, and if the cottagers, or the government can think of a better system, then he's all for it. "If it's an alternative we can all live with, certainly."

The provincial government "is the one who con-

trols the money," says Dalton MacDonald, reeve of Sherbourne et al, but if the cottagers want more services for their money, they're going to have to pay more taxes.

MacDonald's view is one shared by others; he believes in full market value assessment but not education tax based on property.

"If a person can own a home and live up here in a cottage, they can't be doing too bad," he says, adding "Don't worry about those senior citizens who cry—and I'm one of them."

However, "the government should give the schools up here more money. If it wasn't for the cottagers," the local school system would collapse, he says.

"There should be no fear of county market assessment," says Warden Murray Fearrey of Dysart et al. "We wouldn't adopt a policy which would cause such tremendous shifts (as there were in Muskoka.) I for one will want to be totally satisfied (the figures in the impact study) will be accurate."

Because Haliburton County can look at other regions where full market value has been implemented, Fearrey says the county councillors are in a better position to make a wise choice.

In the debate about taxation, many arguments for and against are going to be raised, and not just those stated in these stories. The problem is they talk of intangible things that are not as easy to pin down as "Do you own any property." If cottagers are not wealthy, and it's not fair that they have to pay so much tax just because they happen to own a cottage, is it fair that there are some people who cannot even afford a cottage and make do with public swimming pools instead of Highland lakes? In the previous generations, couples sometimes had to wait years before they could buy a house and now couples want to start off in their own homes. Should they be surprised that it's difficult to pay property taxes? If a person decides to rent all their lives, is it fair they do not contribute to the school system even when they're earning a good income? Is property a right, or is it a privilege, and if one home is a right, is the cottage a right or a privilege?

One thing is clear: As November's municipal election draws nearer, people are going to hear a lot more about how taxes should be paid. With all the arguments for and against, councillors aren't going to be the only ones caught between the rock and a hard place.

The 'simple' facts about assessment

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff reporter

JUST ASSUME that you want to sell your house. You're in no hurry and there are no pressing demands on your pocket book. One day, a willing buyer comes along. This couple is in no hurry either, and they just think it would be nice to live in the Haliburton Highlands. A price is settled on and hands are shaken in good faith.

That pricetag you just put on your house is the same pricetag the Ministry of Revenue's assessor should come up with when he or she visits your home. When all the facts are considered, such as market demands, the number of bedrooms, the size of property, access and general upkeep of the house, and it is assumed that on the day of assessment there would be a willing buyer and a willing seller, with no pressures on either one, that's the market value of your house.

Now because each house in the municipality has to be inspected, indoors and out, it takes the assessment office a long time to get the entire assessment roll completed. That's why in some municipalities, the figure doesn't match with the price you'd sell your house for today—the assessors only do updates on the average of once every four years. In a way, for three years, or more depending on where you live, you get a break in your assessment because the market value is an old one.

Why does the municipality have to know how much your house would sell for? Every year, the elected councillors know that they have to raise a certain amount of money, and they hope it won't be much more than they needed the year before. They get this money by taxing property owners and the assessment roll tells them the value of all the property in their municipality.

Let's say the roll says there is \$1-million worth of property. The municipality has a budget of \$10,000 and thus determines the mill rate by calculating the amount of tax dollars it will collect for each \$1,000 of assessment. In this case, there are 1,000 times \$1,000 in assessment (\$1-million) and the budget of \$10,000 divided by that 1,000 gives you a mill rate of 10. What the municipal staff does next is multiply the assessed value of your prop-

erty by the mill rate and ends up with how much tax you must pay.

If only it was that simple. The tricky part is that not all properties have been assessed equally. Properties are divided into five categories: residential with lone to 6 units, residential with more than 7 units, farm, commercial and industrial. Each category is assessed in a different way based on the old principal that properties which can generate a revenue (above its sale value) should be assessed at a higher rate.

What the assessment office does is take the original property value and multiply it by a factor depending on what category you fall into. The resulting figure is what the municipality multiplies by the mill rate to determine your taxes. (All the figures added up give you your assessment roll.) This is what leads to some of the confusion over assessment because while your property may be valued at \$100,000, when multiplied by the factor you could get \$600 in assessment. Your property is not worth \$600, but this is the number the municipality multiplies with the mill rate to get your tax bill.

For simplicity's sake, it is best not to explain fully how the factor is determined, except to say that the factor is: Assessment on roll using the last assessment year's figures divided by the total market value in your class and multiplied by 100.

Now all the properties in your class are multiplied by the same factor so everyone in one class is treated equally, just as all the property owners of another class are treated equally amongst themselves.

It's time to make another presumption. Let's say that the factor in the residential category is 10 and the factor in the commercial category is 12. This means that the business assessment roll will be larger than the commercial assessment roll, even if the total market value in each category is the same. Down the tax payment line, historically the mill rate for businesses has also been higher.

What some people argue is that apart from the mill rate being different, this system is not fair. No matter what a property is used for, the property value should be the only guide when determining the assessment. All properties, in all categories, should be measured with the same factor.

The provincial government, in theory, agrees and

has introduced a new tax policy which would allow all properties in the same municipality to be judged equally. This is called Section 70, or full market value.

But if a municipality adopts Section 70, in all likelihood there are going to be some tax shifts as people in all classes are factored in the same way. If businesses were bearing more of the brunt before, that will disappear as the load is distributed equally. (Once again, don't forget that the mill rate will still be higher for businesses and they will still pay more in taxes. It's assessment roll which will be equalized.)

In a rural area such as Haliburton, that shift may not be that great because there are not many commercial and industrial properties anyway. People will notice more of a difference when their property is assessed at more current values.

But if a municipality, using the ministry's impact study to guide them, decides that the shift will be too great, the ministry offers Section 63, which still divides properties into different classes and factors each class separately.

Right now, Haliburton County is getting an impact study done on what would happen if it adopted either Section 63 or Section 70 using 1988 market values. Not only will these help the councillors make a good decision on what path to follow, but it will also insure that all properties in the county are assessed equally. For instance, property owners in Cardiff have their assessment based in 1975 market values while in nearby Monmouth, owners are assessed with 1984 values. Anyone studying the jump in market values in those nine years will know these leads to inequity between townships.

In his annual report to Stanhope Township council, regional assessment commissioner Dick Yeoman says "To date, 634 of Ontario's municipalities (or 74 per cent of all municipalities) have implemented reassessments using market value as a base. (Of those), 498 municipalities have opted to implement the Section 63 Reassessment Program. (The other) municipalities have been reassessed under Section 70. This was possible without concurrent tax reform and tax policy changes mainly because minimal tax shifts occurred within the implementing municipalities."

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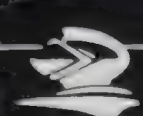
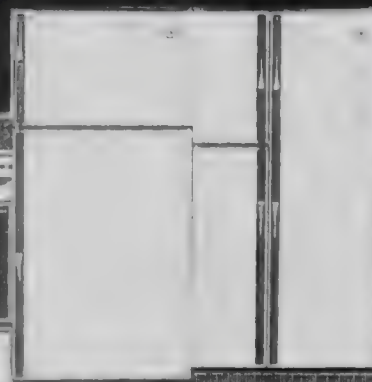
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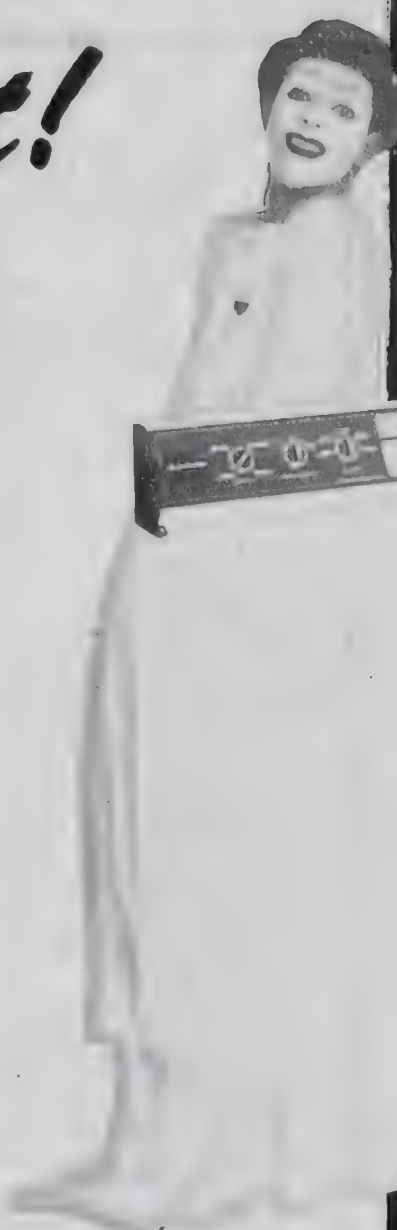
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PEOPLE

Rolfes honoured for airport work

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

LITTLE DID Derek Rolfe know what he was getting himself into that day 18 years ago when he agreed to do a little carpentry work at the Stanhope airport. Newly arrived in the Highlands, he was just getting settled in when word got around he was interested in planes and wouldn't mind helping out now and again.

"I went to the airport to do a little carpentry work and before I knew where I was, I was a member of the airport committee," he remembers today. "It was a nice trap."

It seems it was also a trap designed for two people. Once Mr. Rolfe was on the committee, he found many of his nights and weekends tied up at the airport. More likely than not, his wife Pam would come with him, helping out wherever there was a need. After a few years of this, she found herself thinking "I'm at the airport anyhow, and if I'm going to be there I might as well be on the committee and help make some of the decisions."

On Saturday night, at the Stanhope Christmas party at the Firefighters' Hall, the Rolfes were introduced as this year's Citizen of the Year in recognition of all the time and effort they have devoted to the airport. "Between the two of them, they've been great people to have around," says Reeve Harry Davis, and how they came to be "around" Stanhope is an interesting story in itself.

You never should believe everything you learn at school, for when the Rolfes were growing up in Norfolk, England, their teachers painted a very exciting and adventurous picture of the North American colony. The song Mrs. Rolfe sang about sailing the seas and arriving in Quebec was enough to spark her imagination but those pictures of the golden wheat blowing in prairie fields were the crowning touch. As for Mr. Rolfe, he wanted to go to that place where beavers cut down big trees to make their dams.

The two of them were a bit disillusioned when they arrived to see these images come to life, for the wheat no longer grows right along the road and beavers use sticks instead of trees to build their homes. But the other images they found were enough to make them decide to call Canada home.

"The excitement of the winters and the freedom people had compared to the confined life we led in England had a lot to do with my decision," says Mr. Rolfe, a bit more seriously. "It's a great country of opportunity but you don't realize how great that opportunity is until you take part" in what the country has to offer.



Pam and Derek Rolfe show their delight at being named Citizens of the Year in Stanhope Township, an honour awarded on Saturday

They were married in 1953 and three years later, Mr. Rolfe landed in St. John's, New Brunswick "to scare the Indians out of the way to let Pam land" a year later. From the east coast, he travelled by train to Toronto, hoping to find construction work as soon as he arrived.

The day was December 1 and there was a blinding snowstorm raging down on Union Station. "If you were looking for construction work it was a heck of a time to arrive," he says in hindsight. But work he did find and a year later his wife joined him.

Yet the picture book image of this land of opportunity and wildlife did not exactly fit in with what they found in Toronto. "The city was not Canada as far as we were concerned. You can't put a country person into a city, not for long anyway."

The two decided to move to Maple, where she got involved in many community projects as well as coping with the demands of being the mother of two sons, Paul and David. He kept working in the city, where work was plentiful, but too often stressful as well. There was not much room for advancement and they were soon looking for a way out.

One of Mr. Rolfe's favourite past-times is fishing (he still goes to the east coast every spring to fish) and he and a friend decided that they were going to venture to new lands. Pin in hand and a topographical map in front of them, they decided that wherever the pin landed was the place where they would fish. Opening their eyes, they found their destination was to be Bear Lake, north of this unheard-of village named West Guilford.

After they had safely arrived, using the map to guide them, the two happened to meet Gladys and Bill Peck, who became fast friends with the Rolfes. "I looked upon Bill as a brother and his wife used to introduce us as brothers," Mr. Rolfe fondly remembers of his late friend. When he decided to take up trapping, it was Mr. Peck who taught him everything he needed to know.

Now once Mr. Rolfe makes up his mind about something, there's nothing his wife can do but go along with him, so that when he told her they were moving up to the Haliburton Highlands, that was it. In 1969, they looked at one house, the same house they live in today, and bought it without bothering to look at any others.

"I couldn't have possibly made a better move," says Mr. Rolfe today, his wife heartily agreeing. "The main thing I like is the countryside, you can't wish for any better." Finally the Rolfes had found someplace which resembled the Canada of their school days.

Mr. Rolfe was not slow in building a workshop where he would base his own carpentry business. If he ever had doubts about whether he could find enough work in the country, they were soon laid to rest. He had only finished putting in the floor and

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walls of his workshop when he found himself so busy he never had time to build a roof until many months later. Work has been steady ever since.

Even though she liked the countryside, this new home was more in the country than she expected, and the first thing Mrs. Rolfe decided to do was learn how to drive. The Haliburton highschool was offering the first night school driver's education in Ontario, and she and three of her neighbours joined up. Mrs. Phrona Sisson took a sewing course on the same night so she drove the women into town, where they would eventually learn to drive with Vic Ross as their teacher.

Once she had her licence, Mrs. Rolfe was able to drive to Carnarvon where she had an interview at Carnarvon Lumber. She knew how to type and take shorthand, but her real love was keeping the books. She was hired there 17 years ago, and as the Rolfes seem to have a knack for longevity, has been there ever since.

Of all the activities they could have got involved with, why was it the airport that was to consume so much of their attention?

"I don't know how I've avoided injury because I used to walk with my head up in the sky," says Mr. Rolfe, explaining his passion for plans. In England he was part of the air training corps and air cadets, and when he was in the army for two years during World War Two he spent part of his time with the First Airborne. (You could say that Mrs. Rolfe was destined to be involved with planes to because when she was at school, art classes were spent knitting for the boys in the forces and "air-force blue was the nicest colour.")

In Canada, Mr. Rolfe took his flying lessons at the Lindsay airport, and was in the sky whenever he could be. "It seemed nice just to putter around and see the landscape, the beautiful layout of the lakes and hills through the changing seasons." He instigated the Colour Fly-in at the Stanhope airport

'Voluntary work is hard,' say the Rolfes, 'because you'd like to do more if there were more hours.'

to introduce more pilots to the joys of autumn flying in the Highlands.

With all the events the Rolfes have helped plan at the airport, and there have been many, all their work would be for naught if they don't get a bit of help from above. "It's governed entirely by the luck of the weather. If you can put the weather on your side, you'll never have any problems at all."

Cooking for all those pilots gave Mrs. Rolfe a lot of experience at feeding large groups of people, so when it came time for the airport committee to make its contribution to Stanhope's Fun Day, it just seemed natural that it would oversee the barbecue. (Each committee in Stanhope is generally responsible for one of the Fun Day activities.)

Her involvement with the committee was solidified when Louise Watson, the secretary-treasure for many years and a charter member still on the committee, decided it was time to take a rest from her duties. When Mrs. Rolfe was asked to fill in, she was told it would just be for a while, but what really happens is what they refer to as a Shang Hi—she's been at it ever since.

Not to be outdone, her husband also assumed more responsibility when he agreed to be safety officer for the airport, watching and monitoring pilots' behaviour, keeping an eye out for vandalism, deciding when the runway was unsafe for use (part of it is on a clay field and becomes a quagmire during spring runoff) and keeping the proper authorities notified on the comings and goings at the airport.

This means that the Rolfes often act as a pilot's babysitter. Whenever a pilot takes off, he must follow a flight plan and then radio back to the airport when he has reached his destination. In the excitement of landing and being greeted by friends, pilots often forget to do this and the Rolfes get a phone call at home saying "could you see if so-and-so has arrived yet?" A drive down to the airport later, they find the plane sitting there calm as can be and they radio that everything is all right.

Sometimes his duties have involved taking part in rescue operations both in the Highlands and farther away from home. One time, Mr. Rolfe had to break into a cabin to get some life jackets which he dropped down to some people bobbing in a lake.

He flew so low, one of the life jackets actually touched one of the swimmers.

No matter what the season, there's always something at the airport which needs attending to, and in the summer, the schedule's even busier as 15 to 20 planes touch down each day.

But the Rolfes have been trying to be even busier. For the past six years, they've been negotiating with the federal and provincial money to pay for an upgrading of the airport. There are not too many grass airstrips left in the country, and since most people rent planes and are only familiar with asphalt runways, rental companies will not allow them to land on grass for insurance reasons. This means that a lot of people who could be coming to spend their dollars in Haliburton are not doing so because they can't land, the Rolfes say.

"We must progress in that line because right now we're standing still," they say, and the upgrading is needed if the airport is to survive. Right now an environmental impact study is being carried out, and after it is completed "there's nothing left they can throw at us."

If the funding comes through, the Rolfes know they will be even busier, but they really want to see the project through from start to finish. It's not selfishness on their part, or on part of the pilots, but a desire to see the area get the recognition it deserves.

"Voluntary help is hard," they say, "because you'd like to do more if there were more hours." But there are its rewards.

"When you get an award acknowledging the fact, and they are obviously pleased (with the work we've done), I think it's very nice indeed. It's the icing on the cake."

However, the two of them stress that in accepting the Citizen of the Year award, they are doing so on behalf of the entire airport committee, because without the member's help and dedication, they would not be able to accomplish as much as they do.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Concert is promising
GOODERHAM NEWS

by Mary Hadley

There was a good turnout for progressive euchre at the Community Centre last Wednesday evening. Prize winners were: Edith Andrews, ladies' high; Art Holz, men's high; Vera Riel, ladies' lone hands; Doug Andrews and Len Goodfellow, who tied for men's lone hands. Mary Bowen had the low score while Erna Holz and George Hunter won lucky door prizes.

Friday December 11 is a very special time at the Community Centre. At 7 p.m. the school children will present their Christmas Concert. Preparations have been going on apace and excitement is mounting. This always promises to be a highlight of the year. At its conclusion Santa should be arriving. This year the jolly gentleman will come in style. He will be riding in a horse-drawn beautifully refurbished cutter, courtesy of Bill Powell, who has gone to great pains to have the vehicle resplendent in order to transport Santa and his bag of goodies for all the boys and girls. The presentation of an award to the newly chosen citizen of the year by the

Council of the Township of Glamorgan will also be an item on the evening's programme. Refreshments will be served by the Recreation Committee. Come early to secure a seat for a fun-filled and delightful evening.

On Monday December 14 the Christmas bingo sponsored by the Recreation Committee will be held in the Community Centre, starting at 7 p.m.

Deadline for nominations for "Celebration 88" awards has been extended to December 31. Submit these to the Township Office by 5 p.m. These Federal Government awards recognize deserving community volunteers who have contributed to local amateur sports or to individuals in our community who have been active in supporting community activities. There are many worthy of being recognized. Send in your nominations.

The Pentecostal Sunday School Christmas concert will be held in the church on Sunday December 13, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



Fourteen Tweenies became Brownies last Wednesday night at the Care Bear Enrollment. Above are, from left; Kneeling: Alaina Benoit, Amberley Pergolas and Katie Campbell. Standing: Natalae Howe, Annick Demars, Ainsley Hoare and Rebecca Vaughan

The new Brownies below are, from left: Kneeling: Leanna Cowen, Cailey Hartwick and Taryn Woolsey. Standing: Amy Wood, Ashley Hartin, Meghan Kennedy and Stephanie Ratz



CARNARVON NEWS

by Ann McKay

We were sorry to learn of the death of Allan Griffin at his home on Saturday night. Allan was a well known carpenter in the Dorset area for many years, but has been in ill health for some time. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Windsor spent a few days visiting the Craig Windsors in Rockport.

Ladies from all churches in the area gathered at the Christian Education Building for the annual Christmas in Carnarvon, with each group contributing to the program. A lunch was served following the fellowship hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bell

have purchased the store known as The Hitchin Post. They are operating the Post Office and after renovations Mary will be conducting her hair dressing business from there. We wish them the very best of good fortune in this endeavour.

Next Sunday, December 13, the Sunday School have planned a service for White Gift Sunday. Canned or packaged food would be appreciated. Also new socks or mitts wrapped in plain white paper. After the service there will be a Christmas program by the Sunday School and lunch served by the U.C.W. The whole congregation is invited. See you there.

Visitors are welcomed
SENIOR LEAGUE

by Pearl Lyle

Well folks, here I come again.

The Fearrey family from Haliburton were here to sing and play for us last night and it was much enjoyed.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Burgess had the service and on Tuesday morning Rev. George Elliott of Minden Anglican Church was here.

Guests for Bert Harrison were Karen and baby, Hazel Harrison, Brian Harrison and Derek. Visitors with Mrs. Buttery were her

sister Mrs. Kellet and her two brothers Walter and Wilbert Ackerblade. Ina McGuire had her son Don and his wife Doris for dinner. Mrs. Precor had her granddaughter Toots Hewson for lunch along with Mabel Clendenning. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron from Peterborough took Winnie Barnum to Kingston to see her mother and found her very well for her age which is 102 years. Helen Byne from Cobocok was in one

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local bears decide to get a little education

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

If you go into J.D. Hodgson Elementary School today, you're going to be in for a surprise. For the bears, teddy bears that is, are having a scholastic picnic in one of the Grade Seven classrooms.

A few weeks ago, Tanya Bowers told her home room teacher, Tom Dawson, that it would be a good idea to have a project based on teddy bears. Now Mr. Dawson, being an verified arctophile himself, knew that there was a lot more to teddy bears than

he was hooked. Now this 13-year-old has to store some of them in his closet.

"Everyone else had one," says Don McCracken, and he found himself feeling a bit silly because he didn't bring his teddy bear to school at first. "I thought it would be kind of stupid," but at least there's strength of stupidity in larger numbers and after everyone else wasn't laughed out of school, he decided to bring his along too. "If you got bored" in class, you could always play with your teddy bear.

"It doesn't feel right carrying around the teddy bear," says Scott Bird, adding yet another male voice to the belief that teddy bears are sissy's stuff.

In 1902, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a small bear and a cartoon depicting the event became popular throughout the country. One Brooklyn merchant started making stuffed bears in honour of the event, and now 'Teddy' bears are more well known than their namesake.

meets the eye and if the world-wide organization of "friends of bears" (*arktos* for bear and *philos* meaning friend) was ever to get the recognition it deserved, what better place to start than a child's place of learning.

Teddy bears, if the truth be told, are not just to be found entrenched in the hearts of children. Other toys may come and go, but loyalty to a teddy bear remains long after the initial hug. When confronted by one of the plush bears, most adults are known to say "Isn't that cute?" just as quickly as any child.

However, it was a bit difficult to convince some of these mature Grade 7 students, especially the boys, that it wasn't silly to carry their teddy bears to school. What would the Grade 3's think?

"I thought people were going to call us babies," says Jason Dalton, one of the more timid enthusiasts of the project. Walking by the little children with a bear tucked under your arm didn't make the students feel like they were the voices of senior authority, for as Kaspar Brohm says, "I thought I was back in Grade 1 and starting all over again." He gave in and brought his teddy bear because at least "the work would be easy."

It was tough work for Mike Rosenberg to decide which of his 80 stuffed bears to bring to class. "A long time ago," when he was five, he was given his great aunt's 39-year-old teddy and after a trip to Canada's Wonderland where he won another one,

The true defenders of teddy bears were soon discovered in the girls however, and any of the denobbling sentiments expressed by the boys were quickly dismissed.

"They make you feel better and more comfortable. They're always there for you," says Brenda Blackburn. When asked whether it was silly that some famous people carried around teddy bears to bring them luck, Joanne Smith says that she brings her stuffed rabbit along every time she has to skate in a competition. If she gets nervous, she just concentrates on her friend and "it just helps me."

During the week, the students explored the history of the teddy bear and besides bringing their's along, made a large display in the library about arctophobia. Some of the other students offered to buy the bears while others just snuck off with them to class, and in general the display was a big success.

Where else could you learn that in 1902, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was having little luck on a bear hunting trip in Mississippi? Local organizers, knowing what an avid hunter the president was, wanted to assure him with a kill so they rounded up a small bear until it was close enough to kill. But this was not sport to the president and he refused to shoot the poor animal.

The incident would have meant nothing to history if it hadn't been for a cartoonist who depicted the event with a drawing entitled "Drawing the line in



After the students got over their embarrassment of walking around the school with their favourite stuffed toy, Teddy Bear Week was a huge success with Tom Dawson's Grade 7 class

Mississippi." (The double meaning is that Roosevelt was visiting the state to settle a boundary dispute with neighbouring Louisiana.) A variation of the story is that the cub's hair was tinged by fire and to illustrate the need for forest fire prevention, the Department of Agriculture adopted "Smokey the Bear" as their educational mascot.

When the cartoon became popular, Russian emigrant Morris Michtom, who knew a lot about bears playing an important role in a cultural psyche, was looking for a new plaything to sell in his Brooklyn candy store. Taking some brown plush, he made his first stuffed bear and when it became an instant seller and he needed to make more, he wrote the president asking him if his name could be used to endorse the bear.

"I don't think my name is likely to be worth much in the toy business but you are welcome to use it anyway," was "Teddy" Roosevelt's reply.

At the same time, over in Germany, Margaret Steiff was being kept busy filling all the orders for

her stuffed elephants. Her nephew had suggested adding a stuffed bear to the collection but she didn't think it would sell until 1903, when an American toy dealer ordered 3,000. As more Americans became enamoured by the toy bear, the orders piled in by the hundreds of thousands.

One of the Grade 7 students today is Nico Haedicke, who just moved to Haliburton from Germany. He says that in his native country, even though they speak a different language a teddy bear is still called a teddy bear and holds the same place in children's hearts.

Some people say the teddy bear is such a success because it's a masculine enough toy for boys to play with when dolls aren't considered suitable and girls can love them just as much as their dolls. Others give a more complex theory involving Jungian symbols, but perhaps it is student Todd Jackson who gives the best reason of explanation.

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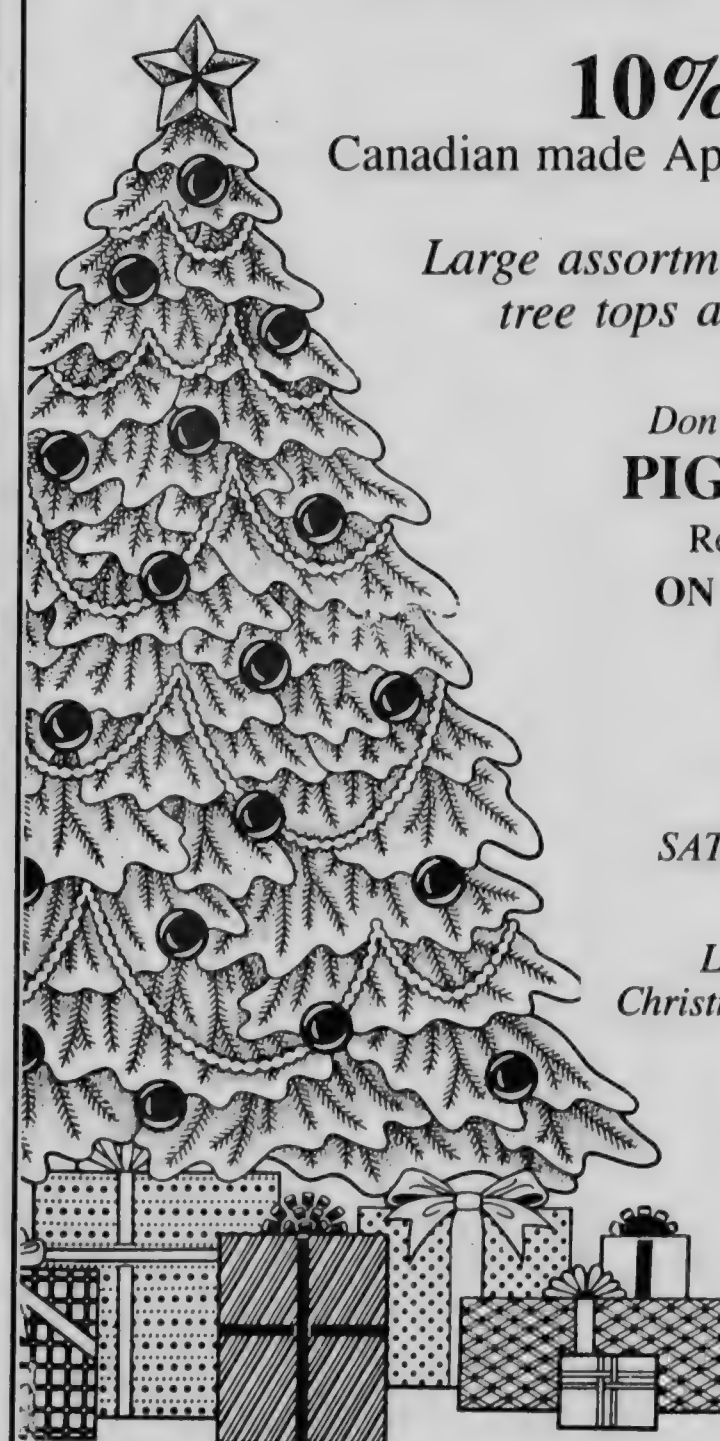
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COMMUNITY NEWS

'Culture' is county-wide

GUILD NOTES

by Shirley Hodgson

A COUPLE of weeks ago I was visiting my niece in Burlington. On Saturday night she took me to Hamilton Place to see John Allan Cameron. He was in great form—really terrific and a good time was had by all.

The reason I am mentioning this is because when I read the programme for the performance, a few words seemed to leap from the page and I quote: "Culture is the thread that weaves our Canada together."

Just think about that for a few moments!! Culture also weaves communities together. The Guild has proven this repeatedly—all you have to do is check the addresses of the Guild members and you will see how far reaching this "Culture" goes. Everyone enjoys the enrichment the Guild gives them.

My thanks to Holly and the Guild news letter for the information which I will be passing on to you this month.

To begin with I wish to remind everyone that the Christmas Sale at the Rails' End Gallery is in full swing. Now and it continues until December 19. New articles are added as the sale progresses. Probably you'll be able to do your Christmas shopping in this one special place as the many artists have produced some beautiful things this year.

Perhaps you live closer to Minden—then you'd like to visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Their Christmas Sale is from December 5 to 19. The road to the Gallery is under construction, but is quite passable and everything is awaiting you.

The Weavers group is selling 'Sheep to Shawl' raffle tickets which are available at the Rails' End Gallery and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The draw will take place December 20 at the Rails' End Gallery. Cost of tickets—50 cents each or three for \$1.

The Guild Quilt Raffle tickets are now available and may be purchased at \$2 each or three for \$5.

Sympathy extended

MINDEN NEWS

by Maizie Austen

Happy birthday to Angelika Walter on Tuesday December 22.

I had a letter from my daughter Pat Ackerblade and she would like to say Hi and Merry Christmas to all her friends and relatives in Ontario.

Maggie and Bill Harrison have returned from a holiday in Las Vegas.

Chuck Archer and a

friend from Eden visited Hugh Lester on the weekend.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Garth Gammon, Maxwell Baker, Norman Hart and Robert Murphy, all of whom died recently.

Bradley Robinson of Toronto has recently returned from England and

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The quilt is on display at the Rails' End Gallery. Concert Series tickets are still available and individual tickets may be purchased at the door or through the Gallery or from Concert Series members.

Monday December 13 the Country Ribbers meeting will be held at the home of June Beene at 1 p.m.

Tuesday December 13 the Weavers and Spinners will be having a potluck supper at the home of Dianne Arppe at 6:30 p.m. The Weavers will be working on the 100" loom at the Museum during the Christmas Holidays. Anyone is welcome to watch this loom in progress.

Season is full of joy

CHURCH NOTES

by June Devolin

I READ somewhere recently that "there is no escaping Christmas." The commercial aspect of it is thrust upon you before all of the Halloween decorations are taken down. Count me as one of the lucky ones, if you like, but I love Christmas. It still retains the wonder and joy for me.

Each year I try to adjust my thinking so that I have time for what is important, instead of being swamped with the activities which crowd out Christ, and leave me feeling stressed and disappointed.

Our church's Christmas newsletter contained a pledge that I've pinned up on my refrigerator this year to help me keep a proper perspective on this blessed season. It is printed here, with permission, in the hopes that it will assist others to have a Christmas filled with joy and meaning.

THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

Believing in the beauty and simplicity of Christmas, I commit myself to the following:

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas.
5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

Nada's Kitchen

by Nada Vaughan

"It has given me a great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us." 2 John 1:4

Entertaining teenagers seems to be our specialty these days and any homemade candy is quickly inhaled! Here are some recipes that can be made ahead of time and kept in the fridge until Christmas. Does anyone know where I can buy a cow? A certain fella keeps drinking all our milk! (Smile!).

CARAMEL NUT CANDY BARS

- 30 caramels
- 3 tbsp. milk
- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 2-1/2 cups peanuts

Lightly grease an 8 inch square pan. In top of double boiler, combine caramels and milk. Cook over hot water, stirring occasionally, until caramels are melted. Remove from heat. Add margarine; mix well. Stir in powdered sugar; beat by hand until smooth. Stir in peanuts. With buttered fingers, press mixture in prepared pan. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours or until firm. Cut into bars. Store in frig. Yield: 18 bars.

MICROWAVE CASHEW CRUNCH

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup cashews, whole or halves
- 1 tsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Line cookie sheet with foil; lightly butter. In an 8 cup microwave-safe measuring cup or medium measuring bowl, combine sugar and corn syrup. Microwave on HIGH for 4 minutes; stir. Add cashews; blend well. Microwave on HIGH 3 to 4 minutes or until mixture is light brown. Stir in but-

ter and vanilla. Microwave on HIGH for 1 minute. Add baking soda; stir quickly to blend. Pour immediately onto prepared cookie sheet; quickly spread with wooden spoon. Cool 30 minutes. Break into pieces; store in airtight container.

TURTLES

- 1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk
- 1/2 pound pecan halves
- 2 German or Swiss chocolate bars (each 4 oz. or 100 g.)

To make the caramel, place unopened can of condensed milk in saucepan and cover with water. Boil for 2-1/2 hours, making sure the can is covered by water all the time. Cool overnight. This will keep in the refrigerator for weeks. Make small balls of caramel and place on greased cookie sheet. Place 5 pecan halves in each ball to simulate a turtle. Melt chocolate and spoon 1 tsp. over each turtle. Cool.

CANDIED GRAPES

- 1 egg white
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom
- Green or red grapes

Beat egg white until frothy. Mix sugar, cinnamon and cardamom together. Cut grapes into small clusters. Dip first in the egg white. Shake off excess. Roll grapes in sugar mixture. Refrigerate on a rack until coating is set or overnight.

"If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you account for ducks?"

Visitors let residents know they're remembered

SENIOR LEAGUE

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day and visited with people she knew. Clark Simpson was in to see his father for a short visit on Thursday

last. Percy Brintnell is visiting with his daughter for a few days. Jeanette Lywood was in calling on some folks she knows.

Edith Welch is in Lindsay Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can be home again.

It's nice to know we are not forgotten. I just had Violet Cook of Kinmount come to see me with a nice

Christmas basket and for others as well as me. I must say it was appreciated very much.

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WILBERFORCE NEWS

by Winnie Schofield

Sylvia Cameron had an interesting visitor recently. For about 13 years she and Keith had sponsored a child, Junior Crawford, at Faith Home Orphanage in Jamaica, through World Vision. As well as paying for monthly support they were able to send parcels of clothes and gifts. Each time a parcel was sent the sponsors received a letter of thanks and a picture of the boy, showing him with all the articles from the box spread out to show that the parcel had arrived safely. Once when a gift of money was sent to buy a treat for the children at the or-

phanage, the director purchased a huge pail of peanut butter as the treat.

Sylvia and Keith flew to Jamaica from Florida to see Junior when he was about 5 years old. When he was able to be on his own he went to New York to live with an aunt. After some time there he applied for American citizenship and was accepted. He worked at odd jobs but finally took a course in auto mechanics and now has permanent work. The Camerons and Junior have always kept in touch but it was a real joy to have him come for a visit to express his appreciation

for the sponsorship. He was accompanied by his sister who was visiting from England.

Marian Donovan, secretary for the Loop, wishes to apologize for any embarrassment caused by reporting that the Township of Glamorgan supports the South East Haliburton Business Association (Loop). The meeting with Council was on the agenda but council's decision was not known at time of this report. Sorry again for any confusion.

The fund raising book "A Hospital of Our Own" is bringing back memories to many readers. One of these is Barbara Barry of West Guilford whose baby was born in the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital in June

of 1958. Barbara still has a copy of the admission notice showing the cost of her five day stay as \$6 a day with board for the baby in the nursery at \$2 a day. Charge for the delivery room was \$10 with 50 cents for medication and \$1 for chest plates. Total bill for five days was \$51.50 and Blue Cross paid \$26.25 of this, leaving the sum of \$25.25 the expense for the patient.

Another story goes back to 1949 when a Wilberforce man had his leg broken while playing hockey. This was a bad break at the ankle joint. Dr. Carroll had metal braces made in a machine shop. The cast was cut and braces placed to bring the foot into proper alignment. This

time bones set in good position. Cost of two day stay in hospital \$8., x-rays \$10., plaster cast \$4. Transportation for two trips to and from Haliburton \$6.50. The patient's name was Reg Schofield.

Every year at this time the Monmouth Volunteer Firemen provide a fine Christmas party for all the local youngsters. The big trucks are taken outside and the children gather to meet with Santa and whisper their choices. They each receive a bag of candies and oranges and a soft drink. This year the recent face life to the interior of the Fire Hall made an attractive background for the event. On the wall were posters made by the Wilberforce elementary students depicting their memories of the Fire Hall and its equipment observed during a recent trip to the Fire Hall.

Joining the Firemen in their efforts to make this a happy time are several residents whose contributions provided the hot dogs, etc. served to the youngsters at the Arena snack bar. Jim Ross has been most generous over the years and his donations have been appreciated. Karl Tallman is the man responsible for the purchase and supervision of the candy bags. This year he had helpers young and old to assist him.

The Firemen held a dance at Lloyd Watson Centre in the evening and had a fair crowd in attendance.

The Highland Grove Euchre parties are still well attended. The last meeting saw Annie Rowley with the ladies high, Irwin Bowers with the men's high, lone hands won by Ruth



The reindeer were resting at the North Pole so Santa had to hitch a ride on a Monmouth fire truck when he arrived in Wilberforce last Saturday to listen to local children's wishes. The firemen gave out hotdogs and candy



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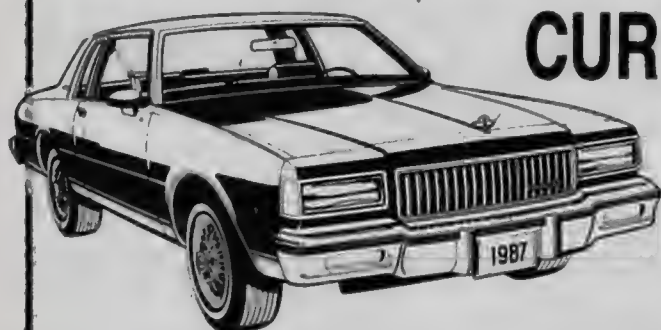
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Cabaret a night of talent

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff reporter

In choosing the title Cabaret of Talent, the student performers of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School knew they could give their audience exactly what the name promised. Last Thursday's evening of song, dance and stage highlighted some of the talent to be found within the school.

Written, performed and produced by the newly-formed Drama Club, with Nancy Robichaud as staff advisor, the show provided a public outlet for the talents of a multitude of students. From farce to flute, dialogues to dancing, piano to pantomime, the audience was always kept entertained.

Producer Lindsey Tashlin and stage manager Tricia Atkinson have to be congratulated for running a smooth and well-paced show. By interchanging comedy with work of a more serious nature, the show's format worked very well and commentators Gina Brohm and Andrew Milne made sure the audience was never kept waiting in silence between acts. As a couple of opposites, these two were the perfect foil for the variety of performances taking place on stage.

The first half of the evening was comprised of short skits and performances. Each vignette was well rehearsed and executed, allowing the students to

show of their best talents, whether they be playing the piano, writing short stories and dialogues or having a lot of fun with friends as you hammed up a song. What's even more important to note is that the source of many of these performances was the students themselves; that is, the acts were not just performed by the students, but conceived by them as well.

After the intermission, the rest of the evening was taken up by the new English farce, The Flesh Game. The English's fondness for bedroom farces gets a new twist when a diet clinic replaces the bedroom as the source of sexual jokes, and in this aspect the play was not as suitable for a highschool performance as it would be for a dinner theatre. However, in their roles, the actresses who were in the one-act play did a marvellous job of providing some perfect character cameos. With a minimum of props, they set the scene so well it took little imagination to believe you really were experiencing some of the trials and tribulations of losing weight. Bran soup with yogurt?

Another noteworthy aspect of the show was how well the student body was represented in the audience. Most people watching the show were students and it was good to see, and hear in the applause, the support they gave their fellow thespians.

All in all, judging by the first performance of the Drama Club, whatever it sets its future sights to will likely be just as entertaining.



Disability pension applies to many

INFORMATION

by Doreen Hawman

Did you know that the Canada Pension Plan provides for the payment of a disability pension to eligible Canada Pension contributors and for the payment of benefits to their dependent children?

To be eligible an applicant must be disabled according to the terms of the Canada Pension legislation and must have made sufficient recent contributions in two of the last three years or five of the last 10 years. The maximum disability pension in 1987 is \$635. The pension is payable from the fourth month after you are deemed to have become disabled and up to 12 months retroactive payments can be received.

A contributor cannot receive a disability pension and a retirement pension at the same time.

If the contributor is between 60 and 64, either pension could be payable, upon reaching the age of 65 the disability pension will automatically be converted to a retirement pension without application.

It is possible to receive both a survivors as well as a disability pension providing both spouses contributed to the plan. The maximum is \$765.

A disabled contributor's child can receive a benefit if the child is under age 18, or 18 to 25 and in full-time attendance at school or university. A child may receive up to two benefits if both parents were Canada Pension contributors and are either deceased or disabled.

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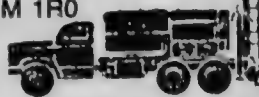
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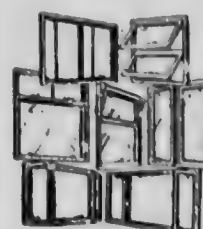
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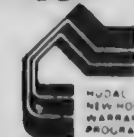
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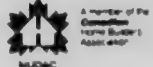


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Concert is soon COBOCONK NEWS

by Sheila Lake

Next Sunday night, the Sunday School teachers and children, present their annual Christmas concert at Faith Tabernacle. This is always a good programme and if you want a seat, be there early, as programme starts at 7 p.m. and the church is always filled for this event.

Winners in the Coboconk Seniors card games held December 1 in the Community Hall were as follows: Euchre, Jenny Colquhoun 73, Frieda Boyce 70, most lone hands, Marjorie Fountain 3, consolation, Flo Nykyforiak 37; Tom Bowins 73, Bert Adams 46, other scores not available. Bridge, Frank Dyou 4330, Ruth Brown 4300, consolation Grace Crapper 1250.

Terry Yeo is a patient in Toronto after suffering severe leg injuries in a car accident, near Fenelon Hill, on Sunday night. Her leg was so badly damaged that repair work could not be done in Ross Memorial Hospital so she was sent on to Toronto. Get well wishes to you Terry.

Laurie and Jean Barkwell were involved in an accident south of Coby on Wednesday afternoon, but were not seriously hurt. Your friends hope you are both better now after a bad shaking up.

Our Somerville Township will be applying for a grant to upgrade the Coboconk Warf. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has informed Somerville Township that assistance is available under the Small Crafts Harbour Branch. There are many big house boats who tie up their craft at the warf, as well as small boats, and of course fishermen boats.

The Coboconk Legion, Branch 519 will be having their Christmas Bingo on December 10 at 7:30. Lots of fun for all.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, invites members and guests to the Christmas Pot Luck dinner

on Saturday December 12. Bring a gift, valued up to five dollars and your gift for exchange along with your Pot Luck dish and join your friends at the Legion. There will be a live band to provide music for a dance, following the dinner.

On Wednesday December 2 the Norland Area Bowlers only numbered eight with Jesse Buxcey getting a three game score of 480. Marjorie Lee had 469 and Adrian Lee 465. Aggie Brown scored 420.

The Norland Area Seniors exercise class had almost as much of an audience as participants, due to renovations on the community hall. A new door on the front, as well as new windows, have made a big improvement.

The Thursday afternoon crafts showed a lot of interest in Christmas decorations, under the capable tutelage of Vera Brown, who has really kept crafts rolling with Hilda Chymoweth teaching leather craft every week. The next craft session will be January 7, when Flo Nykyforiak will demonstrate the making of Apple Dolls. You are welcome to come out and join us any Thursday.

Don't forget the Norland Area Seniors Bazaar and Tea on Thursday December 10 from 2-4 p.m. in the Community Hall on Highway 35.

It was nice to see Don and Ellen Giffin and George and Gene Crisp back from their holidays, looking fit and rested. Don is heading our exercise class on Thursdays.

Maurice Watson is on the sick list again. I hope you are feeling better now, Maurice.

Travellers who are home from vacations are Mildred Faulkner back from a trip to Hawaii, Fiji Islands, Australia and New Zealand and Gord and Peggy Weaver back from Mexico.



Claudia Valentini models one of Wind-surFinn's fashions at a special luncheon last week at the Old Country House. Models walked around the room for closer inspections

Resident filmed WEST GUILFORD

by Eleanor Cooper

It's hard to know what to report. I've been away on a concert tour. Let me explain; I've been in attendance at the Cathedral Brass quintet on Monday at the High School where I also heard the delightful alpenhorn. What a beautiful sound! On Wednesday I heard the King Edward Choir at Barrie Central Collegiate in Christmas concert. On Friday our whole family attended the Harlequin Singers' concert in Hamilton.

The week finished with hearing the McMaster Choir concert at Convocation Hall at the University there. It's been a real feast for the ears, but left little time for catching up on Guilford news. However, here is what I have gleaned.

Holly Sisson is home now from Huntsville Hospital.

Ethel Sparks in room 315 of Civic Hospital. Cards would be appreciated. Iris Gibbon is also in Peterborough Civic.

Dennis Sims is a patient in Hamilton General Hospital following surgery there.

White gift Sunday December 12 is when to bring your knitted items to St. Andrew's Church for

distribution where needed over Christmas time.

Elva Cooper has been interviewed by a director of filming for National Film Board, Maureen Judge. This is in connection with a documentary being done on women's work in munitions factories in the First World War. On Saturday, Maureen Judge met Elva Cooper in Lindsay for an interview and filming at what was once the factory on Cambridge Street South, but which is now the rubber plant. The interview sessions will be completed this Thursday in her own home with the filming crew. It's been an interesting time for all concerned.

At the invitation of Maple Lake United Church members, people from Carnarvon, West Guilford and Maple Lake areas gathered at the church on Sunday evening for a Carols and Lessons Service. The Rev. Ed Moll led the service and extended the invitation to refreshments afterwards. The church was beautiful with candlelight and a tree. New carols were introduced and the minister gave the organist, Kathleen Owens, a break by accompaniment on his guitar for several carols.

Brownies will go carolling on Sunday

MINDEN NEWS

from page 17
spent the weekend with his mother Florence Robinson.

The 1st Minden Brownies will be having their Christmas party on Sunday December 13 and will be carolling in McKayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hewitt were recent visitors of Joyce Hewitt.

Winners at Club 35 were Edith Russell, door prize, Neil Cartwright, lone hands, Eleanor Bunker, high lady, Harry Randall, high man and others were John James, Jim Bradbury and Melissa Hampson.

Best wishes to Edith Welch, Jim Shaw and George Davidson, who have recently been ill.

The Rotary is having a special Christmas Bingo with baskets, turkeys and gifts on the dapper on Tuesday December 15 at 7:30.

Lois Deacon who is employed as a biologist for Natural Resources in Brockville visited with the Harold Deacons recently.

Winners of the Tuesday night Gelert euchre games were as follows: Isabel Saunders, lone hands, others were Terry Ralph, Helen Byrne, Norm Harrison Sr. and May Hicks.

The next Gelert games will be on Tuesday December 15.

Several members of the LOBA attended a Friendship Dinner which was hosted by the Cameron Lodge at the Victoria Hall.

The Minden Rotary Club will be treating the children to free movies and a visit from Santa on Saturday December 12 at the Beaver theatre at 1 p.m.

The St. Paul's card party winners were the following: lone hands, Ralph Schad, high man, Gladys Wruth, low man, Don Sinclair, high lady, Nora Briggs and low lady was Edith Russell.

If you have any news for me to include in this col-

umn please call 286-3607.

There is a Benefit Fund for Bill Hogg and any one wanting more information can call Tammy McKelvey at 286-1260 or evenings at 286-3341.

John and Kathy Stainton have sold the Brown Owl Restaurant and the transfer of ownership will take place on December 21. All the best to the new owner, John Kim.

That's all for this week.

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PET CORNER

by Helen Robertson

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WHEN WE lavish our pets with love and attention, we usually get a cavalcade of licks and slurps in return. When we invite our dogs to walk, run, and play with us, we give them quality life.

However, when we over-indulge them with fatty foods, and allow them to raid garbage, we are not doing them any favours. A potentially serious condition, called "pancreatitis" can result. The problem centers in the digestive system, where excessive demands are placed on the pancreas to produce enzymes and insulin. Dogs with long-term poor nutrition, and diets high in fat and/or sugar, can acquire mild symptoms, or a severe-shock like collapse which can lead to death. These dogs are usually middle-aged, and overweight.

Symptoms to watch for are: a complete loss of appetite, severe and frequent vomiting, diarrhea, (that may contain blood), refusal to walk and weakness or pain, demonstrated through crying and restlessness.

A well-balanced diet for your pet, complemented by regular and adequate exercise, are important preventative measures to take. Exercise improves digestion and helps control your dog's weight. Feeding your dog adequate portions of food, and not overfeeding him, decreases his chances of getting pancreatitis.

We all know, or have known, someone with a "fat dog". This person, probably loves their pet so much,

that they are killing him with kindness. They love to watch him eat, and eat, and eat. Their pet may appear to be enjoying himself at the moment, but the pleasure they both get, may mean a shorter, unhealthy life for the beloved canine companion.

Obesity can lead to pancreatitis and as in humans, can cause heart disease and a host of other problems.

Treatment for this condition (pancreatitis) usually is hospitalization, where fluids will be administered to replace lost ones, through diarrhea and vomiting. For dogs with recurrent pancreatitis, small frequent meals, served at room temperature are most easily digested. As supportive after treatment, you may want to improve your dog's overall general condition. Consult your vet about adding raw corn and grated cabbage to his diet temporarily. A daily vitamin "E" tablet may help to prevent scarring of the pancreas.

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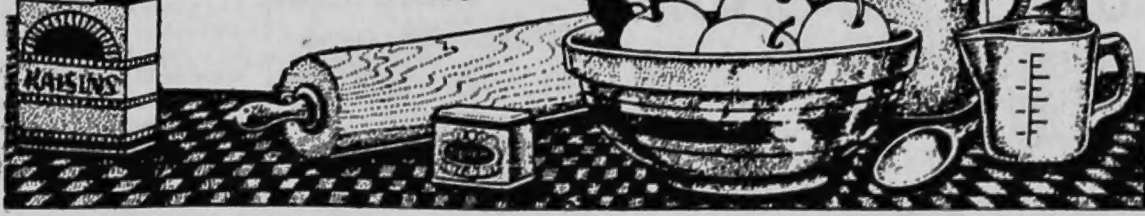
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Sympathy to all family and friends of Maurice Bradamore who died Friday November 27.

Jean Barkwell is ill and so is Joe England. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Also on the sick list is Everett Cameron, Irene Bartley, Jessie Cameron, Stephen Coker, Elizabeth Fryer, Bill Moss Jr., Syd Cilcus, Leitha Grexton, Shirley Stephenson and Millie Cruickshank who is very seriously ill in a Toronto hospital following a massive heart attack. I hope all of you are much better very soon.

Winner of the Norland Volunteer Firemen's hockey pool Saturday November 28 was Sheila Cooper of Norland and Oshawa.

The final bingo for 1987 will be held at the Legion Hall in Kinmount on Friday December 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and this will be a 'turkey bingo'. The first bingo for 1988 will be held, same place, same time, Friday January 8. All welcome over sixteen years of age.

Don't forget the Santa Claus Parade in Kinmount on Sunday December 13 beginning at 2:00 p.m. starting out from Rokeby Lumber and ending up at the Legion Hall where there will be a party for the youngsters.

Kinmount Public School Christmas Concert will be held at Kinmount Community Hall on Wednesday December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy your kids!

Senior Citizens Christmas dinner will be at the Kinmount Legion on Wednesday December 9 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Christmas tree and a gift exchange. For further information please call Lil Platt at 488-2117.

Cole Brothers of Coboconk will be the entertainment for the New Years Eve Dance for Legion members and their guests. Starting time, New Years Eve is 9:00 p.m. and there will be prizes, novelties and lunch to be enjoyed. You may call 488-9905 for tickets or further information.

There is now euchre held at the Kinmount Legion each Monday evening and everyone is invited to attend. The first games of three tables were held November 30 with B. Bluet holding high score for men and most lone hands. Ladies high went to Vera Byrne, ladies low, Ann Mathias and mens low Doug Smith.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Grace Lambert and Marion Sweetland who died recently. Jim Peacock is in hospital and Mrs. Young had serious surgery performed recently. I hope all are feeling better soon. Happy birthday to Ida Pardy on December 3 and to Bill Moss Jr. on Pearl

Harbour Day, December 7. Results of Kinmount Railroad Station Drop-In Centre euchre games Thursday December 3: ladies' high, Vi Cooke, who also held most lone hands, ladies' low, Ruby Holbrook, mens' high, Charlie Henderson, mens' low, John Hickey. There were four and a half tables.

Christmas came early for some of our Seniors and shut-ins on Wednesday December 2, when Vi Cooke along with her helper Esther Graham took gifts of plants, fruit and candies to Haliburton Extendedicare where they enjoyed visits with Mr. Duffy, Mr. Allen, Lila Simmons, Beaula Barr, Mr. Pasquino and stopping by to see Marion Sweetland, who at that time was quite ill and who sadly died the next day. From there our own Mrs. Santa and helper drove down to Minden's Hyland Crest, where again they delivered gifts and enjoyed further chats with Mary O'Toole, Mrs. Lyle, Jim Simpson and Mrs. Schultz to name but a few. A thoughtful and happy deed well done ladies and may all the blessing of the Season be yours.

Yet another fire has been reported, this time on Highway 503 near Furnace

Falls where a cottage was said to have burned down on Tuesday December 1.

Each morning from 9-9:30 the last week of school (December 14-18) all staff and students will be gathering in the Grade 7-8 room to sing carols. This year the carolers will be accompanied by Debbie Fogwell and all parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to join in at Norland Public School.

The Annual Christmas Concert will take place on December 17 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Norland Community Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The annual St. James

A.C.W. Christmas Bazaar is once again in the past. It was held in the Kinmount Community Hall and looked very festive with the luncheon tables set in the mood of the season and brightly festooned with pretty flower settings. The white elephant table was loaded with gift items for everyone, the fish tank was a very busy spot for the young ones and it seemed, to this reporter, that everywhere in the large room was the sound of laughter. The bake table was the best yet with pretty baskets of goodies, many house plants, lots of preserved jams, pickles and mincemeat and, of course,

the usual home made cakes, pies, tarts, squares, bread, etc. This year there were even jars very prettily done up, containing freshly ground oregano from the garden of Joyce and Jack Hills' daughter.

There were also tickets sold by our very capable Ruby Schell and Margaret Kylie and a draw was made at the end of the Bazaar. Winners were: the first prize of a beautiful hand knit afghan was won by Evaline Woodcock, second prize was a beautiful woven bushel basket, full of groceries and the lucky winner was Pearl Simmons. Third prize was a

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Extension of Time for Return of Annual Assessment Roll

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COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS MUSEUM DECEMBER 1987 Tues.—Sat. 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Christmas Toy Exhibit. Natural History—Over 100 Birds. Outline History of Haliburton Handweavers & Spinners Association

23-CA-16

COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB Annual general meeting to be held in the library of the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School on Wednesday December 9, 1987, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments. All welcome.

23-CA-9

NEW YEARS DANCE West Guilford Rec. Centre December 31, 1987 8:30 p.m.—2:00 a.m. \$20/Couple Music—Harmony Road, Bulfet Lic. by LLBO

23-CA-9

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE Saturday December 12 11:00 A.M. Antique cars, 77 Citation, 24 ft. house trailer, tools, garage equipment, 8 h.p. Massey riding lawn mower with snow blower, at estate of late ERIC MOLYNEAUX, Cobocok, Ont. 1939 Lasalle, 53 4 door Austin, 79 Cordoba, roto tiller, satellite dish, many car manuals, many garage and hand tools, wrenches, etc. cut-off saw, grinders, 3 h.p. air compressor, Marquette AC/DC welder, bedroom suite, and some furniture. A large variety of good useable tools. No reserve except vehicles, estate sale. ORVAL McLEAN AUCTIONS LTD. 324-2783 Lindsay.

23-CA-9

SALERS Ontario Annual Meeting, Saturday December 12, 1987, 10 a.m. at Westwind Resort, Buckhorn, Ont. For information contact Roger & Sylvia Jackson (705) 657-8587.

24-NC-9

NOTICES

The 4C's is again distributing Christmas boxes. As we wish to reach those who have needs we ask that names be phone to Rev. John Smith at the 4C's (457-3331) on November 15, 1987, at the Credit Valley Hospital. A first grandchild for Norman and Ivy Duncan and Emily Schroter.

25-CA-9

WAGE PEACE "Consort with all men in a spirit of

Many festivities are planned for Christmas

KINMOUNT NEWS

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cute hand knitted duck and found his new home with Pearl Lyle. The fourth prize was a hand made doll, donated by Win Wilson and won by Nora Brandon. Congratulations to all the winners. Our sale was to start at 11 a.m. but people were arriving on the scene before 10 a.m. The lunch seemed to be enjoyed by all and once again, heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way to a very successful day.

Well folks, it's happened again! I'm being asked why no column last week and all I can say is I wrote it, Bill mailed it in lots of time, the Post Office don't know 'nuthin', it left there, so should have arrived in Haliburton, so your guess is as good as mine. I don't even get a refund on postage wasted!! Maybe this column will find its way away up there in Haliburton. Let's hope so anyway, but in the meantime, stay well and happy, read the Echo and give me a call at 488-2353.

By the way, the Coboconk Legion will have their Christmas Bingo on Thursday December 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Let's hope Jean and Laurie Barkewell are Ok following a car accident last week and also involving a Mr. Potter.

Helen Graham, Mary and John Pyke enjoyed dinner and a visit with Jessie and Everett Cameron last week.

Intended For Last Week

Deepest sympathy to all family and friends of Dagmar Simpson who died very suddenly, Friday November 26.

The winner of Norland Volunteer Firemen's hockey pool, Saturday November 21 was John Eason of Norland.

Remember these dates: December 10, Christmas bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, at the Coboconk Legion Hall. All welcome. Come out and bring a gift exchange to get in on the fun. December 13: the Santa Claus Parade to start from Rokeby Lumber at 2:00 p.m. in Kinmount, thence on to the Kinmount Legion to join in a Christmas party for the youngsters, tea/coffee for oldsters. December 16: beginning at 7:30 in the Kinmount Community Hall, our Public School presents their annual Christmas Concert. Come out and back your kids.

They work hard each year towards entertaining you so show them you care by being there.

A very happy birthday to Ida Rosa Pardy on December 3. You should let her have the day off Clyde!

Results of Kinmount Railroad Drop-In Centre, four and a half tables euchre party held on Thursday November 26: ladies' high, Ruth Menard, ladies' low, Sabina Birbett, mens' high, Lyle Anderson, mens' low, John Hickey, lone hands, Galdys Anderson.

Tuesday November 24 St. James, Kinmount, euchre results: ladies' high, Gladys Anderson, ladies' low, Gladys Crego, mens' high, Dorothy Anderson, mens' low, Charlie Henderson, lone hands, Vi Schroeter.

Congratulations to Kay Taylor of Burnt River who won the \$200 bingo jackpot at Burnt River on the 56th number called last week.

The last bingo for the year 1987 will be a turkey bingo to be held at Kinmount Legion Hall on Friday December 18 starting at 7:30 p.m. early birds.

The next bingo in Kinmount Legion Hall will then be held Friday January 8, 1988, at the usual time.

Coboconk's Cole Brothers will supply the entertainment for the New Years Eve Dance for Legion members and guests at the Kinmount Legion Hall New Years Eve. beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 488-9905. There will be prizes, novelties and a lunch.

I hope Irene Bartley, Elizabeth Fryer, Mary Louisa Pyke, Bev Graham are all feeling much better very soon.

Helen Graham, Mary and John Pyke, Jason, Bill and I had dinner and a good time at a Fenelon Falls Restaurant on the occasion of Helen's birthday (39) on November 23. Later we went back to her house to share in a birthday cake and view her presents. The cake was very low in calories—no icing—all cream!!

Don't forget the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner at the Kinmount Legion Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 9. For further information you may call Lil Platt at 488-2117.

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